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Blair tries to defuse jobs row at summit

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND CHARLES BREMNER

THE Prime Minister intervened to act as a peace broker in the jobs dispute between France and Germany last night as the issue threatened to disrupt the Amsterdam summit on the future of Europe.

As EU finance ministers met to draw up a new jobs package, Tony Blair went straight into talks with Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister who is the summit host, and Lionel Jospin, the new Socialist French Prime Minister.

He made plain that he backed Germany's demand that the so-called stability pact imposing strict rules on countries that join a single currency should remain untouched. But he also supported demands by the French for fresh recognition that job creation should be at the top of the EU's agenda.

As a result, a new agreement underlining the importance of European governments co-ordinating their efforts to create employment may be appended to the stability pact.

British officials said that it would be based on proposals put forward by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, last week. But Mr Blair's aides said that he would balk at more traditional Socialist French proposals for spending substantial sums of money to create jobs.

Until now, Britain has stayed on the sidelines of the row, since it has left its options open on a single currency.

British officials said that Mr Blair was hoping to play the role of intermediary, particularly as he was opposed to moves to weaken the Maastricht convergence criteria for the single currency — which would be damaging whether Britain was in or not.

The threat of the summit being overshadowed by the row grew when a meeting between M Jospin and Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, broke up without agreement last Friday. M Jospin was demanding ambitious pan-European projects to create jobs, while Herr Kohl insisted that there could be no more money.

And there were strong indications that the finance ministers would not be able to reach full agreement on the package last night and would therefore have to reconvene today.

Some ministers believe that French concerns about unemployment could backfire if they led to a weaker single currency.

They fear that could mean interest rates being raised to boost the credibility of the euro — and

perhaps increase unemployment.

The atmosphere of crisis over jobs was heightened by big street demonstrations in Amsterdam at the weekend when young people from all over the Continent converged to protest about European leaders' failure to tackle the problem of 18 million unemployed.

The debate is certain to spill over into the opening session of the summit today.

The wording of the "employment chapter" in the treaty due to be finalised tomorrow night will also be subjected to fierce debate, although the threat of delay to Herr Kohl's dreams of monetary union may, in the end, break the deadlock.

Today, in a symbolic gesture to demonstrate that the project remains on track, the leaders will be shown the coins that will start circulating in Europe after the euro is launched.

The 15 leaders will also begin the task of producing an updated Maastricht treaty for enlarging the EU in the next decade. Its main features will include the creation of a frontier-free security zone for all countries except Britain and Ireland, whose island status will be formally recognised — although Downing Street claims that the treaty wording remains too unspecific for its liking.

The new treaty will also aim to streamline the decision-making machinery to smooth the way to a Europe of 25 members.

Britain will formally end its opt out from the social chapter but has asked for a two-year delay before the legislation comes into effect. Mr Blair will also oppose moves by France and Germany for Europe to be given its own defence identity.

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Jospin: demanding action
to cut unemployment



Naomi Campbell: taken into intensive care after 4am alert at Grand Canary hotel

Tax windfall to Prince's Trust will help 25,000 young jobless

BY ANDREW PIERCE
AND DAVID CHARTER

THE Prince of Wales is poised to secure millions of pounds from the Government's proposed windfall tax to fund a scheme providing work for 25,000 unemployed young people.

But last night as the Prince outlined his vision of a "contributing" monarchy for the 21st century, he faced a barrage of criticism from teachers who attacked his call for a return to more traditional teaching methods.

The proposed deal with the Prince's Trust will underline the

importance of the new partnership forged by Prince Charles and Tony Blair's Government. The Prince said that with the Trust firmly established, he hoped that when he became King, Prince William would take on the Prince's Trust.

"I think the great thing is that there is something for him to look at," the Prince told Sir David Frost in BBC programme on the 21st anniversary of the Prince's Trust, the charity the Prince founded to provide training and business opportunities for young people.

Officials from the trust have submitted a dossier to the Department of Employment on their

proposals to provide 25,000 work and training placements for people aged between 18 and 25. It is the kind of initiative that echoes plans by the Government to provide training, education and work for the long term unemployed.

The consensus in ideas between the Prince and New Labour was shown again last night when he gave his backing to more formal teaching methods and highlighted some of the failings of the education system. His intervention in the educational standards debate

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Naomi
Campbell
treated
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BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE model Naomi Campbell was taken into intensive care in a Canary Islands hospital yesterday after taking what medical staff described as an overdose of sedatives.

Miss Campbell, who was staying on Grand Canary with her flamenco dancer boyfriend Joaquin Cortes, was treated in her hotel room before being taken to hospital at 4am. Her condition stabilised and she was expected to leave hospital soon.

As the Spanish media reported that Miss Campbell had had taken an overdose of barbituates after a "furious row" with Señor Cortes, her London lawyer issued an official denial and insisted that she had suffered an allergic reaction to antibiotics.

Jonathan Goldstein said: "Ms Campbell is perfectly well and fully recovered and will be leaving hospital later today. She wishes to make it clear that there is absolutely no foundation whatsoever to the story that she had taken an overdose."

Miss Campbell, 27, had been on the Canary Islands with Señor Cortes since last week, and they were staying in separate rooms at the five-star Santa Catalina hotel.

A Spanish magazine last week published photographs of Señor Cortes walking on a beach with another woman. The same magazine reported that Ms Campbell was upset by the pictures.

A hospital spokesman declined to comment when asked if Miss Campbell had tried to commit suicide. The hospital issued a statement saying: "Naomi Campbell is in a stable clinical condition, allowing her to be discharged in the next few hours."

Gruelling schedule, page 3

Grand Prix halted after crash

THE Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal was halted on the 56th lap last night when Olivier Panis broke his leg after crashing into a safety barrier. The race organisers feared that debris from the crash was damaging the tyres of other cars.

Michael Schumacher of Ferrari was declared the winner. He said: "I am very glad to pick up 10 points but I'm sorry it was in such circumstances."

The championship favourite and local hero Jacques Villeneuve had crashed out of the race on the second lap.

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German spies shot at Tower

Details of the only executions at the Tower of London this century have come to light after nearly 80 years. Eleven people were taken there to be shot at dawn as German spies during the First World War, and a twelfth suffered the same fate during the Second World War. Some of the documents relating to their trials have been lost and other files held by the intelligence services remain classified.

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Big gains likely in Norwich Union

Many Norwich Union customers will make big gains when the insurer joins the Stock Exchange this morning. The sale price for extra shares was fixed at 200p yesterday, against 265p paid by members on top of their free allocation. City funds are expected to drive the price up to more than 340p.

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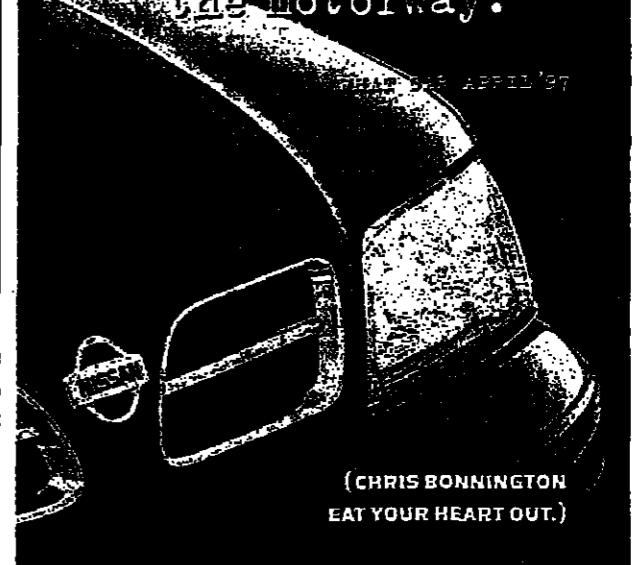
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Clarke refuses to serve under his rivals

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE ruled out serving in the Shadow Cabinet yesterday if he lost the Tory leadership contest to either William Hague or John Redwood.

The former Chancellor said: "John is a hardline Eurosceptic. William has spent the last few days making himself harder-line Eurosceptic and they're not going to get many pro-Europeans into the Cabinet if that becomes the key element of their appeal."

Michael Heseltine said that he was returning to the backbenches whoever won the leadership, and

gave warning that the party could collapse unless Mr Clarke became leader. It could retreat into "some small corner" in its policies on Europe under Mr Hague and Mr Redwood.

Mr Clarke's supporters said if Mr Hague won, there would be another leadership contest before the next general election.

Friends of Baroness Thatcher said that her preferred choice was a contest between Michael Portillo and Chris Patten, which was one reason she had decided against endorsing anyone. Neither man is expected to attempt a rapid return to the Commons.

Mr Heseltine, speaking on

BBC1's *On the Record*, said: "Unless the Conservative Party survives as a broad church, it doesn't survive. There is no way in which we will win a general election unless we remember that we have always done that, appealing to a wide constituency across the whole UK."

Mr Clarke said his rivals were running "terribly divisive" campaigns by concentrating on the issue of the single European currency.

Speaking on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*, he said that the "horrid old script" about the precise theological position on the single currency was the one that had "destroyed John Major's government".

One MP in the Clarke campaign said: "Ken could not go on television and radio to defend his position of outright opposition to the single currency which he personally disagrees with. He will not be able to serve under William or John."

The brooding presence of such a formidable Conservative opposition on the Tory backbenches would create huge problems in forming a ministry for Mr Major's successor.

Ann Widdecombe, the former minister who, mortally damaged Michael Howard's leadership aspirations, has written to *The Times* today to support Mr Clarke. The letter is signed by 100 Conservative supporters, including former ministers, constituency party chairmen

and leading businessmen. But there was a setback for Mr Clarke last night when Gillian Shephard, the former Education Secretary, denied reports she had already decided to stand. "I have not made any mind up," she said.

Despite the outburst from Mr Clarke both Mr Hague and Mr Redwood were unrepentant over Europe. Mr Hague, who secured the support yesterday of Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and of Sir Tim Bell the Thatcherite advertising guru, stepped up his campaign to Eurosceptics. He warned that a future Tory government might have to "relinquish powers given away" to the European

Union by Tony Blair at this week's Amsterdam summit.

Mr Redwood accused Mr Hague of changing his position on the single currency "day by day". The Tory party had to say "no" to the Amsterdam treaty saying the Labour government was "giving our country away".

With relations between the three camps deteriorating on the eve of the second ballot Alan Clark, the Thatcherite former minister who has returned to the Commons, said that the bitter conduct of the contest was damaging the party.

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KIRAN DOWTY/REUTERS

Thatcher tribute to courage of Falklands force

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS THATCHER gave an emotional address on the fifteenth anniversary of the end of the Falklands War yesterday, recalling the day when she was told that Argentine soldiers were flying white flags over Port Stanley.

Speaking to thousands of Falklands veterans and their families at a ceremony in Gosport, Hampshire, Lady Thatcher paid tribute to the courage of those who took part in the conflict in the South Atlantic.

Lady Thatcher was the special guest at a reunion organised by the newly-formed South Atlantic Medics Association. On Saturday there was an open-air concert for more than 2,000 Falklands veterans. Lady Thatcher told them: "I was at the Trooping the Colour for Her Majesty's birthday yesterday watching the Scots Guards parading. It was a very different Trooping the Colour 15 years ago. On that same Saturday 15 years ago the Scots Guards were involved in what was to be a final battle most fiercely fought the battle for Tumble-

down Hill. The battle raged until the following Monday."

She said she spoke to Adm



Baroness Thatcher pausing for reflection during the commemoration ceremony at the Falkland Gardens in Gosport, Hampshire, yesterday

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Jobs for young

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provoked protests from teacher unions. They launched a personal attack on the Prince who had called for a return to "timeless approaches" in the classroom.

The Prince told Sir David that the "fashionable approach" adopted by teachers in the last 30 or 40 years meant his Prince's Trust had to "pick up the pieces of a somewhat failed system".

Educators should look to the Far East, where teachers have not abandoned traditional methods such as whole class teaching, he said.

The Prince's views were dismissed as "negative, bias, prejudice and ignorant" by Nigel de Gruchy, General Secretary of the National Union of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers.

Mr de Gruchy said the Prince should look to his failures in his own married life before lambasting the teaching profession. "We know we have got some weak spots, and for understandable reasons, most of them stemming from social breakdown, for which he has given a very bad role model from his own broken family."

Mr de Gruchy added: "When it comes to doing his job, which is surely to give the nation a strong moral lead, he has obviously not been good at his own job." He said the Prince's comments were bad

for morale at a time when a survey, to be published next month, will show that 33 per cent of primary teachers and 40 per cent in secondary schools are disenchanted and want to quit teaching.

But the Prince won support from Stephen Byers, the minister responsible for school standards. "I think he [the Prince] is right to send these warnings."

The Prince has spoken out about poor classroom standards before, using a Shakespeare Birthday Lecture in 1991 to call for better teaching of literacy and greater investment in schools. In January he praised the idea of homework clubs, which were pioneered by his Trust, the day after Tony Blair floated the same idea as Labour policy.

His Trust will make an application for financial assistance to fund a scheme to find work for 25,000 young people. Ministers, who are impressed by the work of the charity, will recommend approval of a scheme that could require £25 million over three years.

The Government's own proposed "new deal" which will offer work, education, or training to 250,000 unemployed people bears similarities to the pioneering work done by the trust with the jobless since 1990.

Prince and Premier, page 6

Prescott ready to let private sector control the Tube

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN PRESCOTT has demanded an urgent report on how to give the private sector control of London Underground, despite Labour's pre-election campaign against Tory privatisation of the Tube.

The Deputy Prime Minister is calling for draft proposals for a partial sale to be accelerated so that ministers can set out a range of options to take the Underground out of state control.

A leaked letter from Mr Prescott underlines the Government's willingness to allow private companies to take majority control of a business estimated to be worth up to £13 billion.

Although the revelation does not directly contradict Labour's manifesto commitment to exploring a public-private partnership, Mr Prescott's reference to giving private business a "majority shareholding" marks the first public admission that the private sector could be given overall control.

The leak of the letter is of particular embarrassment to Mr Prescott, who left it in a studio after being interviewed

about London Underground for tonight's *Panorama* programme. He accused the BBC of stealing the letter and attached documents; but senior Labour figures admitted he left them behind last Friday.

Labour ran a strong pre-election campaign opposing Tory plans to privatise the Tube network. Andrew Smith, then Shadow Transport Secretary, said the privatisation was "a desperate move by a Government bankrupt of ideas". Labour insists that Mr Prescott's plans fall well short of Conservative proposals to sell the entire Underground, and say that ministers will remain publicly accountable for it.

Mr Prescott will appoint external financial advisers within a month to consider in detail a number of options either for a joint venture or for extended leasing to the private sector. Joint venture plans are unlikely to begin until 2000.

The BBC denied stealing the document, and said it had been returned to the Department of Transport.

Citizens to decide on future of charter

Five thousand people drawn from a social and geographic cross-section will provide a pool for focus groups to discuss ideas to inject new energy to the Citizen's Charter programme. David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said last night: "Just as the BBC has its listeners' panel, I want a panel of citizens."

Dr Clark is determined that one of the Tories' most derided policies can be made to work. "It became something that was imposed on citizens from on high. We want to turn the debate on its head and ensure the charter will satisfy what people are concerned with," he said.

Forces bias under attack

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, is to issue a *mission statement* for the Armed Forces this week which will outlaw racism, sexism and bullying. The statement aims to lay down "basic sets of objectives". It will cover the roles already taken by the Forces and underline the responsibilities the military has as part of the community.

Mr Robertson said that tackling racism, sexism and bullying was a priority because in every other respect the Armed Forces had an unrivalled reputation for professionalism.

Trains halted

A ban on overtime and rest-day working by the train drivers' union Aslef is expected to cancel 334 of today's Connex South Central trains — one in five — in a dispute over the restructuring of hours and working practices. Services into Victoria and London Bridge will be affected.

Kidnap alert

Parents in Hartlepool were told to keep a close watch on their children after a boy aged 11 said he had an attempt by a woman to abduct his 18-month-old brother from their front garden. The boy said he threw mud in the face of the woman, described as of Asian appearance.

Back on track

Freight services through the Channel Tunnel resumed yesterday, almost seven months after the fire which led to suspension of the controversial lattice-sided trains. The first left Folkestone carrying 23 lorries. The service will increase to eight an hour in either direction at peak times.

Treasure hunt

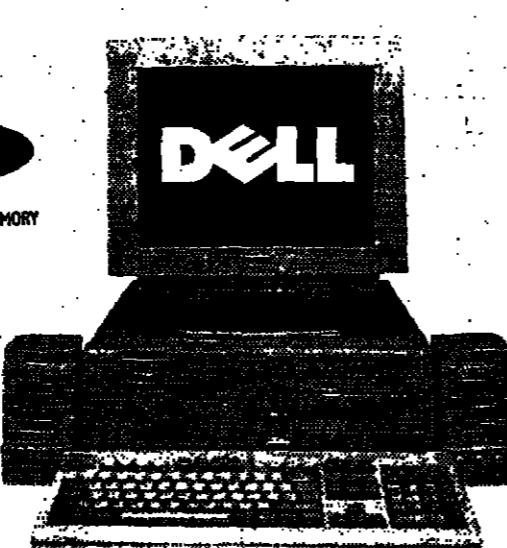
Divers are about to begin a salvage operation on a wreck thought to be the richest in British waters. Experts believe that the *Hanover*, which sank off Corwall in 1763, contains gold bullion worth more than £50 million. The salvage team hopes to have the right weather conditions within two weeks.

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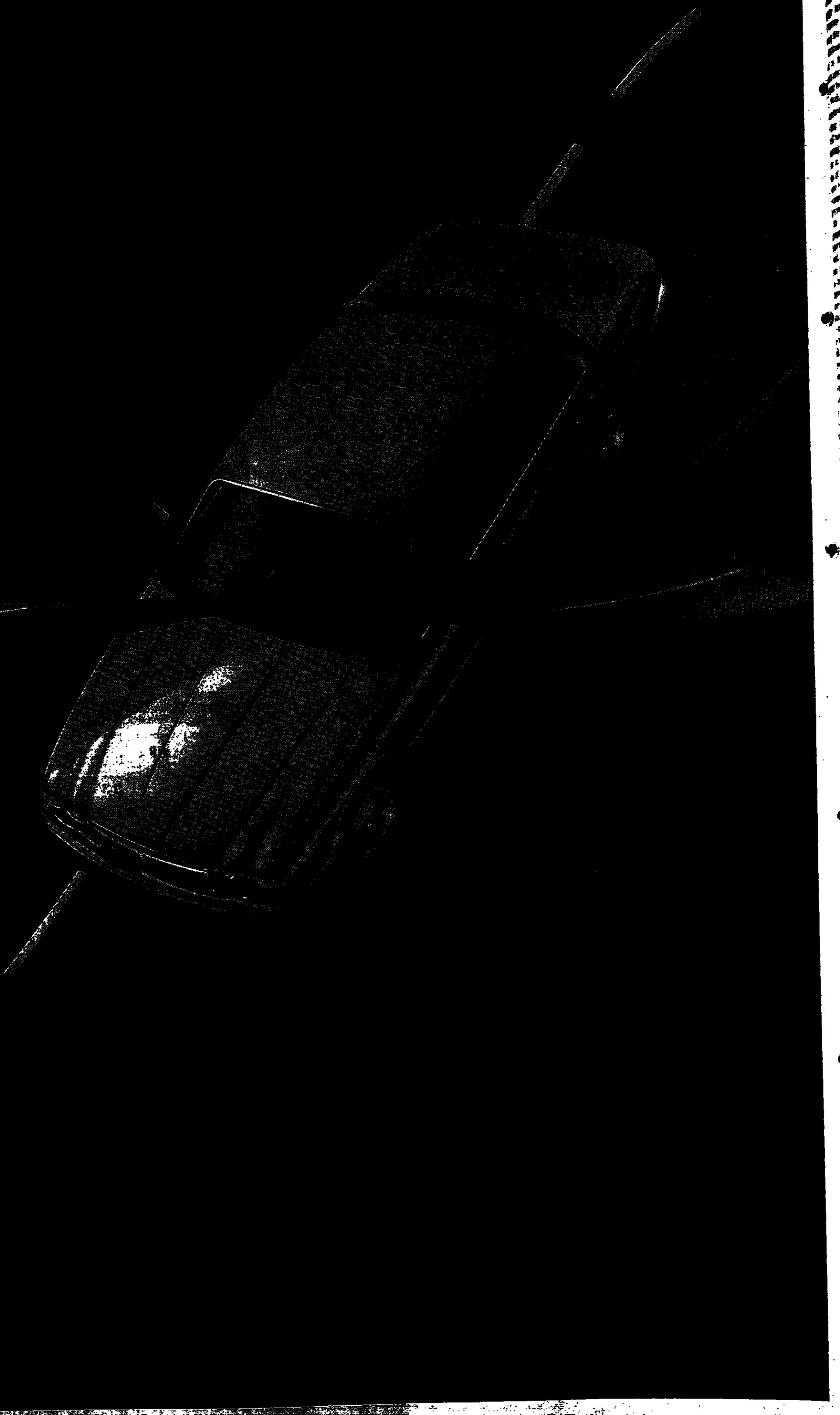
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• Greenwich 2000 show faces £12m City loss

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE City of London is about to withdraw its promise of £12 million for the troubled Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich as the Cabinet decides whether to pull the plug on the whole show.

Michael Cassidy, who, in his former role as chairman of the policy and resources committee of the Corporation of London, organised the cash pledge in a desperate attempt to stop Birmingham winning the exhibition, said: "It has become a bit of a disaster story."

The fate of the £580 million show now lies with Tony Blair and a handful of Cabinet colleagues. Chris Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, said: "A decision will be made during the next few days."

The Prime Minister is said to be keen to open the exhibition on December 31, 1999. The Treasury, though, fears a huge bill if the event flops.

Labour ministers have been appalled by the lack of preparation for the show. Some called for the resignation of the Millennium Commissioners only to find that, because they were appointed by the Queen, they are effectively unsackable.

The centrepiece of the exhibition is a dome, big enough to contain 13 Albert Halls. Although the structure is on schedule to be completed in time, the Government was shocked to learn that nobody had decided what to put in it. Design tenders for the show's contents, worth £30 million, were put out only two weeks ago and give bidders no clue what ideas they are expected to produce. The dome will be pulled down after the year-long show.

Mr Blair has told the Department of National Heritage that the exhibition must

be exciting that his son would insist on being taken to see it.

The Millennium Commission is giving £200 million of lottery money and the private sector was expected to stump up £150 million. The organisers claim that they have 80 per cent of that but admit that none of it is in written contracts.

The Corporation of London agreed to give £6 million on condition that individual institutions in the Square Mile matched the figure, which has not happened. Mr Cassidy said: "The rest of the City has proved very reluctant because they are not convinced it is good for their shareholders."

Most of the remaining income is supposed to come from visitors but many believe that the projected attendance of 10 million, four times as many as the Tower of London gets in a year, is too optimistic.

The Cabinet is expected to discuss the Millennium Exhibition on Thursday, but ministers insisted yesterday that Mr Blair would back the previous Government's pledge to support the Millennium Exhibition, even in the face of Cabinet dissent. "If a couple of people object, there are many others in Cabinet," said one senior frontbencher. Senior Labour figures say that the commission will be told to scale down the plans if businesses do not show greater enthusiasm in the coming months.

However, close colleagues of the Prime Minister said that he was adamant that the Government must show its own support to increase private-sector confidence in the project. "We need to get cracking. If we don't show a lead, then it will fail," one minister said.

Christopher de Hamel, head of the

Western manuscripts department, said that he recognised the fragment instantly: "It is a most glorious thing." It fits exactly into a hole in a page of the magnificent Gradual of the monastery of Santa Maria degli Angeli in Florence. Graduals — books of musical chant — were produced on a huge scale so that, once on a lectern, they could be read by a whole choir. The segment alone is almost 1ft high.

It was originally one of 20 initials. The Gradual was separated from three of them in the French invasions of Italy in the 1790s; one eventually made its way to the National Gallery in Washington and the other is in the Breslauer Collection in New York. This example — which will be sold tomorrow for an estimated £30,000 — was brought to Britain by William Young Ottley (1771-1836), a collector of

Italian Old Masters, possibly after he visited Italy between 1791 and 1801. Some scholars believe that it bears the hand of the great Florentine master Fra Angelico (c. 1387-1455). Others suggest it is by his teacher, Lorenzo Monaco, who died in the 1420s, or his contemporary, Battista di Bagno Sanguigni.

When the Washington example was exhibited at the Royal Academy in London, the catalogue noted "an undeniable link" with certain works by Fra Angelico of the late 1420s and 1430s — "the quaint figure types, the general compositional arrangement, and the combination of the different pastel shades of colour." Dr de Hamel noted that this one has "just the same style" but that it was impossible to be certain.

The owner, who does not wish to be

named, said: "I'm sad to part with it. It's been in the drawing-room for as long as I can remember." She noted how something of the letter's history had been written on the back, but it was so faded, she had been unable to read it: "It needed Dr De Hamel to decipher it."

She said that the whole family, including her son and daughter, would be attending the sale: "I'll dish some of the money out round the family." Her great-grandfather had been wealthy and public-spirited, donating funds to the local community. "but there's nothing much left now."

Dr de Hamel said that the lost initial came from the opening of the Mass for the Thursday after Easter. "By coincidence, the day the owner left it here for sale was the Thursday after Easter."

Free bus tickets for day without the car

BY NIGEL HAWKES

COMMUTERS are being urged to leave their cars at home tomorrow and experiment with other forms of transport. Some bus companies and local authorities will be offering free journeys.

Car-Free Day is part of the month-long Don't Choke Britain campaign. Tomorrow's attempt to reduce traffic comes during Walk to School Week, in which parents are being urged to accompany children to school on foot rather than driving them there.

Employers have been encouraged to allow staff to work from home tomorrow, or to provide accessible information about public transport services. The University of Oxford is distributing free vouchers for the city's Park and Ride scheme, and is urging those who cannot do without their cars to share journeys.

Campaign organisers point out that six out of ten car journeys are shorter than five miles, and a quarter are less than two miles. Short journeys are responsible for high levels of traffic pollution and are a major contributor to the 80 per cent increase in traffic expected over the next 30 years.

Walk to School Week is sponsored by the Pedestrians Association. The proportion of children being driven to school has doubled over the past ten years, to 25 per cent. Doctors warn that many youngsters are taking too little exercise.

The Don't Choke Britain campaign is backed by 400 transport and environmental organisations and local authorities. At its launch, Glenda Jackson, the minister responsible for transport in London, said that the Government's transport budget would increasingly help councils which put forward proposals for improving the lot of the pedestrian and the cyclist, which encourage train and bus use, and which reduce dependence on the car.

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Lost treasure was on living-room wall

A fragment from an illuminated manuscript has turned up in London. Dalya Alberge writes

A LOST-LOST segment of a lavishly illuminated 15th-century manuscript attributed by some to Fra Angelico has turned up in London, in the ownership of a woman who was unaware of its significance.

A 1430s capital "V" filled with children praising the Lord, and shimmering with pure lapis and gold, was brought to the valuation counter at Sotheby's by the elderly woman, who had no idea of its identity or value. She knew only that her great-grandfather, a magistrate and benefactor to the poor in Hounslow, had acquired it in the early 19th century. She had had it valued in the 1970s. "They didn't seem to attach all that much importance to it in those days. They didn't say what it was. Just a 15th-century initial."

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Italian Old Masters, possibly after he visited Italy between 1791 and 1801. Some scholars believe that it bears the hand of the great Florentine master Fra Angelico (c. 1387-1455). Others suggest it is by his teacher, Lorenzo Monaco, who died in the 1420s, or his contemporary, Battista di Bagno Sanguigni.

When the Washington example was exhibited at the Royal Academy in London, the catalogue noted "an undeniable link" with certain works by Fra Angelico of the late 1420s and 1430s — "the quaint figure types, the general compositional arrangement, and the combination of the different pastel shades of colour." Dr de Hamel noted that this one has "just the same style" but that it was impossible to be certain.

The owner, who does not wish to be

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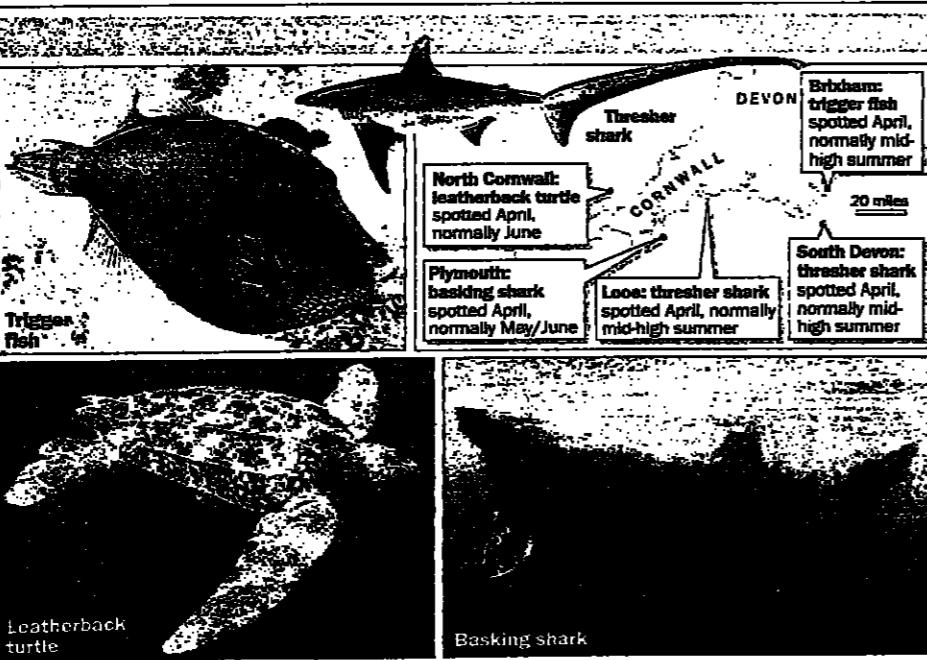
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Warmer waters bring strangers to the shore



BY NEIL GRAVES AND TIM JONES

FISHERMEN are reporting early sightings of basking sharks, leatherback turtles and other exotic fish as the seas around Britain become warmer.

Scientists believe that changes in the North Atlantic drift, bringing the Gulf Stream closer to our shores, may be responsible for the changing habits.

Mark Nicholson, education officer for the Cornwall Wildlife Trust, said: "A number of marine species you would expect to occur further south are now appearing off our coastal waters earlier."

The warmer water is attracting prey, such as mackerel and jellyfish, closer to shore and these are followed by their predators. In April two thresher sharks were caught by fishermen off Cornwall and

south Devon. They were seen months earlier than expected and, at 15ft, were 3ft larger than the norm.

A basking shark of about 35ft was also seen in April, at least a month earlier than normal. For the past two years 8ft-wide sunfish have been seen long before the usual arrival in high summer.

An 800lb leatherback turtle, usually found during spring in the tropical Atlantic, was making its northerly round in April when sighted off Cornwall. Mike Millman, president of the South West Federation of Sea Anglers, said: "You wouldn't expect them until June."

There is argument among experts about whether the earlier sightings are a result of global warming. Mr Millman said: "Not enough evidence

has been gathered to make a hard statement. I would suppose it has something to do with the way the North Atlantic Drift is behaving when it meets the Gulf Stream about 1,000 miles away from our shores."

Colin Speedie, a marine analyst, said: "It may be something to do with warmer seas. But if you look at the way seas have been overfished, it may be that fish are swimming further to get their food. There are also far more people making sightings."

Rolf Williams, of the British Shark Trust, said that in spite of the early sightings, many sharks were becoming endangered species. He asked anyone who saw sharks to report the time, date and place.

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Adventures of the Prince and the Premier

COMMENTS by the Prince of Wales in last night's television interview may be construed by the mischievous as a misguided intervention into party policy. In truth, he was not so much flattering Labour as acknowledging its attempts to imitate him.

The Prince spoke of his desire to create a "contributing monarchy" and he has already contributed more to the new Government than the taxes from his estates. Just as Labour appropriated the Tories' rhetoric on the economy and crime so the party had taken up ideas that the Prince pioneered on employment and education.

The Prince of Wales, presented with a dilemma by the nature of the Labour victory. The Tories seem to be responding by striking out for clear blue water. The Prince, in contrast, can welcome the Blairites. He envisages a fruitful partnership, although some fear he could become only a figurehead.

The relationship between the Prince and the Prime Minister dates from Tony Blair's days as Shadow Employment Secretary, when he took an interest in the success of the Prince's Trust in getting the young back to work.

Relations between the two were helped by the closeness of their couriers. The trust's director, Tom Sheppard, is an old friend of Labour's Minister without Portfolio, Peter Mandelson, and the two collaborated on a pamphlet, *Youth Unemployment - Causes and Cures*, 20 years ago when they worked for the British Youth Council. The trust's public relations adviser, Dick Newby, was a college contemporary of Mandelson, and his essays helped to school Mandelson in the subtleties of politics.

The Government is showing a similar willingness to learn from the Prince's people now. The trust's success in tackling youth unemployment, creating 60,000 new jobs and 10,000 businesses, provides a



As Labour follows the royal example, Michael Gove looks at the parallel lives of Tony Blair and the Prince of Wales

useful template for Labour's welfare-to-work plans. The chairman of the advisory group of outsiders who will help to shape those plans is Sir Peter Davies, who is not only chief executive of the Prudential but also chairman of Business in the Community, one of the Prince's creations.

The organisational overlap is made easier by the synchronicity between Prince and Prime Minister. The parallels are many. Their interest in education springs from the consciousness of the privileges they enjoyed which were denied to others, and feelings of frustration from their own schooldays which allows them to empathise with others who have not fulfilled their full potential in the classroom.

The Prince risked controversy in April 1991 by arguing that children were being failed by an educational system that was underfunded and had abandoned traditional methods. At the time, the speech seemed to strike chords both Right and Left, uncomfortable reading for Thatcherite and progressive purists.

Read now, the synthesis seems the purest Blairism and, given their similar educational experiences, that is

hardly surprising. Both were educated at Scottish public schools in the Sixties. The Prince's time at Gordonstoun was far from happy. He described the place in a private letter as "hell, literal hell, such a hole". The school was run on Spartan lines with little space for the Prince's sensitivity and spirituality to develop. The emphasis on the muscular rather than Christianity prompted him to remark in another schoolboy letter that the place was "hopeless".

Mr Blair's time at Fettes, although crowned with academic success, was also less than joyous. He bristled at the petty rules and fagging system, telling his biographer: "At school I was somewhat rebellious and I questioned things. I always questioned things."

It was at Fettes, however, that the Prince Minister had the opportunity to take part in community work of the kind which the Prince's Trust now provides. Mr Blair's involvement arose out of his unwillingness to spend time drilling with the cadet force, but his approach was enthusiastic and he volunteered to work in summer camps run for Edinburgh's less fortunate children.

The sense of public service and duty to the wider community which Mr Blair learnt at school matches the the Prince's upbringing, and both men's instincts have been shaped by the influence of older thinkers. At Oxford, Mr Blair became a follower of an Australian priest, Peter Thomson, who introduced him to the "communitarian" thinking of the Scots philosopher John Macmurray.

The Prince's feelings that the modern world did not do enough to tap individuals' inner resources were given a philosophical underpinning by the South African writer Sir Laurens van der Post.

Additionally, his social conscience was stimulated by his uncle, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, who combined a rackety personal life with a need to



Inset: the Prince and Tony Blair, pictured in less formal moments, have reached similar viewpoints after lives of matching experiences

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It's time to end the secrecy, Sir Humphrey

THE WHITEHALL REVOLUTION

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE fortified door at 70 Whitehall guards the entrance to the engine of the government machine. The Cabinet Office has a co-ordinating role throughout Whitehall. It drives the Cabinet committees, it handles intelligence, it determines the response to any crisis.

It is effectively the Prime Minister's own department, as most official chains of command lead to him, through Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary.

Staff at the Cabinet Office are generally regarded as the *crème de la crème* in Whitehall. So close to the centre of power — a door inside the building is just a swipecard away from the Prime Minister at No 10 — Civil Service high-flyers police the Cabinet committees and set agendas for meetings.

A core role is that of the joint intelligence organisation, which oversees the nation's security. Each week it advises on the state of alert in the country. Its officials work closely with the Overseas and Defence Secretariat, spotting potential trouble-spots in the world and areas of conflict with other nations. The Intelligence and Security Committee Secretariat, just three people, deals with the most sensitive data supplied by the Security Services: analyse it, prepare general briefings and, in particular, focus on the situation in Northern Ireland.

The European Secretariat keeps a close eye on Brussels and has a particularly critical role as the Government prepares for the presidency of the EC from January.

The Economic and Domestic Secretariat collates all the papers for the main domestic policy area and attempts to resolve disputes that might arise between ministers.

But the office building itself houses several different elements, some located at the centre purely as a matter of convenience.

For example, John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, has a small office in the building where he can read briefings papers between Cabinet committee meetings. Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, also has a base to carry out his duties as head of

the Constitution Unit, a group of officials preparing the legislative programme on devolution and the arrangements for referendums in Scotland and Wales.

Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio, is based in this pivotal position to handle the Government's co-ordination, and presentation of policy. His presence in the building gives the office its cache.

Ann Taylor, President of the

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Council and Leader of the Commons, is also based here. She works closely with the Privy Council Office, is at hand for the numerous Cabinet committees and, from this office, takes charge of the government business.

But it is David Clark, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who will soon be established as the public face of the department. As the Cabinet Minister in charge of the Office of Public Service, he is determined to inject energy to the department, to bring government closer to the people.

His office is opposite that of Mr Mandelson and there could be scope for considerable tensions: old versus new Labour. But both ministers are so engrossed in the business of government that there is no time to linger on past differences. Dr Clark is charged with simplifying government, changing the culture and bringing a new commitment to public service. He told

this issue with me. It was precisely because we wanted to avoid the politicisation of the Civil Service that we brought in the Orders-in-Council and we exempted大臣。It is easy to have a chief of staff of the Prime Minister who is all-call-only to advise. There may well be executive functions he has to take on in the interface between government and politics. It is even clearer with the chief press officer: it is inconceivable that the press secretary could not run his own press office.

Nonetheless, should there still be any lingering doubts, he is considering putting the Civil Service code on a statutory basis. This sets out the basis of the relationship between civil servants and officials and, if it became a Civil Service Act, any blurring of roles would be open to challenge.

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The Times that, in the past, his office "had been on occasions a sleepy administrative office". He is enthused by his mission and believes that new technology will be the key to producing a form or even a vehicle excise licence at the touch of a button.

Dr Clark said that the technology was "almost there to be able to pay by credit card on the computer and for a licence to come out of the machine almost instantly".

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anyone's eye. The culture of parliament and political life. The White Paper is due next month, and a draft Bill is expected in the autumn, to allow the fullest consultation on the issue.

He has also brought a fresh eye to the deregulation agenda. Dr Clark believes that red tape and regulations will be improved, only if ministers and officials are proactive in Europe and suggest reforms.

He is to meet a number of his European counterparts in the coming weeks to discuss the issue, and hopes that the British standard can be more frequently imposed on Europe. For example, Dr Clark hopes that the new Food Standards Agency will provide a blueprint for the rest of Europe.

The In-Tray

- Will the Cabinet Office be made an official Department for the Prime Minister? Early signs are that staff are being used for more cross-departmental projects and Cabinet Office is taking on more vigorous co-ordinating role.
- White Paper on the Freedom of

Information Bill is due next month. What will be its scope? Watch out for attempts by some ministers to narrow the proposals.

- Quangos and public appointments: can a wider spread of candidates be brought forward to make public bodies less the domain of the middle classes?
- The future of Next Steps agencies. Will Ministers release some agencies for privatisation? Will chief executives be allowed to speak out on matters of policy?

Ministers insist they will not be driven by dogma, but they might just be pushed by the treasury.

- The derided Citizen's Charter programme is to have a new lease of life. People's panels to decide its future are to be set up. A round-Britain roadshow will help the relaunch.
- Ministers will try to calm the furore over alleged politicisation of the Civil Service. Ministers might introduce a Civil Service Bill to put present guidelines for

maintaining impartiality of officials on a statutory footing.

- Cutting red tape will continue but with a new emphasis on the consumer. Ministers think the deregulation unit has been geared to business and not to the people.
- Simplifying government: The efficiency unit is being unleashed throughout Whitehall, looking for savings and better working methods. Expect an expansion on use of technology to provide

public services and cut paperwork. One-stop computer kiosks are the way forward.

- Modernising government and Parliament. Cleaning up politics. Ministers have already set up a review of parliamentary privilege. The future of party political funding will be decided soon, in connection with the future of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, whose chairman, Lord Nolan, is to step down in the autumn.

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LEADERS OF REFORM

SIR ROBIN BUTLER: Cabinet Secretary

Credited with successful transition of the new Government. He is at the hub of the Cabinet Office, with Cabinet secretaries reporting directly to him. Has been genuinely enthused by energy of the new regime. Known to be impressed by the political appointees and believes officials can learn from them. Aged 59, he is expected to step down at end of the year.

DAVID CLARK: Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Quietly spoken and cautious. Former forester who became a teacher, lecturer, then MP. Throw into deep end with this job after being passed over for the defence portfolio he shadowed. A strong believer in the public service ethos. Some colleagues find him worthy, but others less so. At 57, he must show flair to ensure he remains in post.

PETER KILFOYLE: Parliamentary Secretary

Cheerful extrovert aged 50 who represents one of poorest constituencies, Liverpool Walton. From a family of 14 children, he became a labourer, teacher and party organiser. As a backbencher, campaigned against quangos staffed with Tory placemen and is determined to make public life accessible to ordinary people. And become their champion. But must think before speaking out in public.

ANDREW LAPPIN: special adviser

Oxford English graduate aged 24 from Northern Ireland. Worked for Dr Clark on defence brief in opposition. Will provide political advice and keep in touch with party and lobby groups.

ROBIN MOUNTFIELD: Permanent Secretary

Realises that Dr Clark must make an impact and has enterprise plans to keep his ministers in the public eye. Aged 57, deeply cautious but open to persuasion and new ideas.

IAN MACKENZIE: special adviser

Leading Labour campaigner who has worked for Mrs Taylor for five years. His party base is in Lewisham, but during the election he organised weekend canvassing of marginal seats. Will be more cautious in his new role, but will promote policies in tune with party members.

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Philosophy student joins the search for life out there

BY MARK HENDERSON

OXFORD UNIVERSITY has opened its own X file. A graduate student at Balliol College is writing a thesis on the philosophy of extra-terrestrial life.

Andrew Clark, 21, is studying the way in which different views of the world have influenced attitudes towards the search for intelligent life on other planets. Oxford's philosophy department is funding his research.

Mr Clark, who graduated last year with a first from Balliol in physics and philosophy, was inspired to write the thesis by Hamlet's line, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy." The words made him realise that no one had attempted a proper academic discussion of the philosophy of the search for ET.

He has been investigating his subject with all the fervour

sightings, he said. "That's basically prejudiced, because neither branch has had any more success than the other. We see one as scientific because it has funky instruments, and the other as nutty because it seems based on ghosts and ghouls."

He thinks that only by taking a scientific approach to ufology can we hope to find a way of answering Professor Stephen Hawking's "Flying Saucer Puzzle": why, if it is likely there is life elsewhere in the universe, does it not seem to have visited us?

Charles Fort, who gave his name to Forteanism, the study of unexplained and paranormal events, will be commemorated with a plaque at the house in Marchmont Street, Bloomsbury, central London, where he lived from 1921 to 1928. The journal *Fortean Times* is sponsoring the plaque. Fort, who was born in New York in 1874, died in 1932.

He said that hostile attitudes towards aliens in the arts and the media, from *The War of the Worlds* to the recent film *Independence Day* and *Mars Attacks!*, had been conditioned by a fear of dictatorship. In the 19th-century philosophers used the possible existence of aliens to argue for or against the existence of God.

Mr Clark also hopes to show how different methods of looking for alien life have developed in tune with cultural and philosophical attitudes. Scientists tend to be respectful of looking for aliens with radio-telescopes, but not of ufology, or *X-Files*-style investigation of reported UFO

ET, phone again, the line is clear

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE search for intelligent life elsewhere in the universe has just taken a big step forward. The most powerful system for analysing signals from space has been installed at the world's largest radio telescope, the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico.

"We have been searching the sky for signs of extraterrestrials with continuously increasing capability," said Professor Stuart Bowyer, from the University of California at Berkeley, who began the search 20 years ago. "So far, nothing. We are not giving up."

The new equipment, called Serendip IV (Search for Extraterrestrial Radio Emissions from Nearby Developed Intelligent Populations) is 40 times more powerful than earlier

searches, because of sophisticated computer programs that can sort through radio signals. All signals detected so far have originated from human sources such as aircraft and satellites. Jeff Cobb, who is responsible for handling the data, said: "We detect intelligent signals all the time. Unfortunately they have all been from Earthlings."

Serendip IV can scan 168 million frequency channels every 1.7 seconds, analysing each for radio intensities above background levels. Selections are studied to eliminate any caused by interference, then the remainder are examined more closely. Support for the search has come from private sources and companies such as Toshiba, Intel and Sun Microsystems.

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Linda Lampenius was reportedly spotted on the television show *Eurotrash*

Model violinist given lead role by Lloyd Webber

BY PETER FOSTER

A LITTLE-KNOWN violinist with model looks is expected to star at Andrew Lloyd Webber's private music festival. Linda Lampenius, 27, reportedly came to the composer's notice after she appeared on the Channel 4 programme *Eurotrash*.

Lampenius, from Finland, is to adopt the stage name Linda Brava when her first British album, *Violator*, comes out later this year. She came to prominence last autumn when a cameraman picked her out while she was playing for the Finnish National Orchestra. She trained at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki before playing first violin for the Helsinki Opera Orchestra.

Lord Lloyd-Webber, who last week conceded that the days of the big musical could be numbered after he forecast losses of up to £10 million for his Really Useful Group, has staged the festival at his Hampshire home, Sydmonton Court, for more

than 20 years. It is an informal gathering for friends and artistic colleagues and has often been used by the composer as a testing ground for new works.

Lampenius is expected to play a leading role in a performance of his composition *Metal Philharmonic*. She is also negotiating for a television talkshow in America, has appeared in fashion shows and been elected to Helsinki City Council.

Her growing profile is expected to fuel the debate over how classical music should be promoted. The teenage violinist Vanessa Mae has been derided by some for her raunchy image.

Barry Millington, music critic of *The Times*, said: "Critics will ask whether it is legitimate to exploit sex as a device to market classical music or whether classical musicians should remain above such populist techniques."

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BUSINESS JUST GOT AN EDGE.





A San family living at the Schmidtsdrift camp near Kimberley

Bushmen accuse ANC of racism

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

BUSHMEN, Southern Africa's indigenous inhabitants, who were once hunted as vermin by white and African settlers, now complain that they have been branded second-class citizens by a black administration.

A leader of more than 4,000 Bushmen, or San, complained at the weekend that Manne Dipico, Premier of the Northern Cape Province, had said that they were "of a lesser standard" than local Bantu-speaking Tswana people.

The alleged slur has raised fears among the San that the racism of the apartheid era is being directed at South Africa's few surviving aborigines.

Before white men arrived at the Cape, and the Bantu migrated from Central Africa, the lands south of the Limpopo River were roamed by the yellow-skinned San and Khoi, or Hottentot, peoples.

But by the end of the last century, most had been wiped out or driven into the Kalahari Desert and other inhospitable areas. The Khoi are now

extinct and the few surviving San cling to an existence at the margins of the habitable world.

For the past seven years, about 4,300 San from the Caprivi Strip in Namibia and southern Angola, who served in the South African Defence Force in the 1970s and 1980s as trackers and infantrymen, have been camped on barren rock at Schmidtsdrift near Kimberley. Scores have died while their claim to a £1 million farm they say they have purchased has been held up by a moratorium imposed by the local African National Congress administration.

In the racial pecking order established under apartheid, the hunter-gatherer San were lumped together with blacks, below the so-called Coloureds, or people of mixed race. But since non-racial elections in 1994, the San soldiers and their families have been consigned to the ethnic dustbin of South Africa.

Charles Hallatt, the commander of the Schmidtsdrift camp which is run as a form of army charity, told *The Star* newspaper at the weekend that his staff dealt with ten new tuberculosis cases every month. He said that three nurses were assigned to more than 1,000 patients and that they were unable to contain the spread of the disease which threatens to become an epidemic among the San.

Mario Mahongo, a San leader, accused Mr Dipico of favouring Tswana over the San. Mr Mahongo claimed that when a delegation from Schmidtsdrift went to see Mr Dipico, to ask why they had been unable to obtain access to their land, he had shouted abuse at them, saying that they were "of a lesser standard" than the Tswana.

"First the [all-white] Nationalist Government broke their promise to supply us with housing and now the democratic Government chooses to ignore us. All the time we are being made to feel unwelcome and that we have no right to this land," he said.



A San woman — dubbed "inferior" by the provincial Premier

Albania cheers again for Berisha

FROM TOM WALKER IN KORCE

THEY WANTED to skin him alive in March. Now he strolls unprotected through the streets of the capital and even arrives in the gangster-controlled south to cheers. With elections imminent, Albania seems to be forgiving Sali Berisha.

Yesterday President Berisha took his campaign along Albania's historical east-west axis, the Via Ignatia, inland to Lake Ohrid and then south to Korce — two months ago a strong contender for Albania's most anarchic city, and a hotbed of so-called rebel discontent.

"The dangers are there to be faced, there is no alternative," he confided before the journey. Three very Balkan hours later, a modest crowd of 2,000 emerged from the shadows into the dusty main square of an Orthodox city once known as "the Albanian Paris," and chanted: "We will win, yes, yes, yes." There was neither whiff of cordite nor opposition.

A beaming Mr Berisha gave the victory salute and railed against "the false pyramids of lies" constructed by his Socialist foes. A man once blamed for the collapse of the disastrous savings schemes is now using them as word-plays in his speeches.

For reasons of lack of finance or a Democratic Party-controlled media, the Socialists' big guns of Fatos Nano and Bushkim Fino are failing to make their presence felt. In the more populous south their territory is shrinking, while the north remains an odd mix of monarchists and Berisha diehards. The Socialist campaign is in urgent need of a kickstart.

"I'm talking with my heart now," confessed one presidential aide as he took a paddle in Lake Ohrid yesterday. "Berisha is the least worse option. The people cannot find a substitute for him."



Berisha: voters see him as best of a poor lot

WORLD SUMMARY

Tudjman's pledge to voters

ZAGREB: President Tudjman of Croatia promised a rich and democratic future for his country yesterday after casting his ballot in a presidential election which the opposition has branded undemocratic.

Vlado Gotovac, of the Social Liberal Party, and Zdravko Tomac of the Social Democrats, the opposition candidates, have criticised Mr Tudjman, 75, favourite to win, for using state institutions and funds to promote his election campaign. (Reuters)

Child work ban

DEHLI: Tamil Nadu in southern India has become the country's first state to ban civil servants from employing children, it was reported here. The administration ordered employees not to use children aged less than 14 for any work, including domestic chores, after an appeal from the National Human Rights Commission. Nearly 50 million children work for meagre wages in India. (AFP)

Sudan massacre

KHARTOUM: Armed rebels killed 142 civilians in southern Sudan, the state-run Omdurman radio reported. A security official said it was "one of the ugliest atrocities" committed in Sudan. The report said members of the Sudan People's Liberation Army killed 87 children, 41 women and 14 elderly men. The rebels also abducted several girls and stole cattle. (AP)

Gas field ablaze

DHAKA: An explosion set fire to a gas field in northeast Bangladesh. At least four rig workers were injured. Flames leapt 500ft into the air, an official statement said. Specialist fire experts from Singapore and America were being flown in. Energy Ministry officials said the blast occurred when the rig pipeline hit a "trapped gas" layer at a depth of 2,755ft. (Reuters)

Kidnap class

TAIPEI: Schoolchildren were taught kidnap survival techniques at a privately funded workshop here amid growing fears of abduction in Taiwan. They learnt how to stay calm with their mouths taped in mock kidnappings while other children snuck and threatened them, how to slip wrist bindings and what to listen for when blindfolded. (AP)

Bosnia rejects retrial over living 'dead'

SARAJEVO: A court here rejected an appeal to give a Bosnian Serb a new trial even though two of the three men he was convicted of killing have been found alive, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Sreko Damjanovic was found guilty of war crimes and genocide, and sentenced to death in March 1993 for killing two Muslim brothers, Kasim and Asim Blekic, and a third man as the Bosnian war broke out. He is in jail in

They work better together.



Fears of Pol Pot 'ruse' as factions battle in jungle

FEUDING factions of the Khmer Rouge, one of them thought to be led by Pol Pot, were fighting yesterday in the jungles of northern Cambodia, after last week's murder of the organisation's former defence chief Son Sen and his wife and family as "traitors".

If reports are true, Pol Pot, 250 of his fighters and their families and three "hostages", are surrounded by up to 2,000 Khmer Rouge fighters who backed Son Sen and wished to discuss surrender with the Government in Phnom Penh. Pol Pot is reportedly being carried in a stretcher with intravenous drips attached to his arms and is now 12 miles from Anlong Veng near the border with Thailand.

Army officers close to the First Co-Prime Minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, who flew to the northwest city of Siem Reap, near the Angkor temples, reported they could hear gunfire in radio contact with Khmer Rouge elements apparently wishing to settle



The Khmer Rouge is tearing itself apart, but all may not be as it seems, James Pringle reports from Phnom Penh

with the Government. "The Khmer Rouge is devouring itself," said one Phnom Penh-based diplomat yesterday.

However, nobody claims they really know what is going on within the organisation, which makes a fetish of secrecy, and while there have been murders in the leadership it is not clear how much of the new talk of splits may be part of an elaborate ruse of Pol Pot.

There are so many layers of deception here that it is difficult to be sure of anything, except that Son Sen is dead and that the remaining hardline Khmer Rouge seem to be seriously split," said one analyst. Yet Phnom Penh-based diplomats find it hard to believe that Pol Pot would

break with "Brother Number Two" Nuon Chea, the clever military strategist and brutal killer Ta Mok, and Khuon Samphan, the French-educated intellectual who wrote the blueprint for the Khmer Rouge revolution and whose defection would be welcomed by Prince Ranariddh.

Envoy say they could see why Pol Pot ordered Son Sen, 67, and his influential wife, Yun Yath, killed on June 10, along with their family. Son Sen's brother has already defected to the junior partner in the coalition that has been governing Cambodia since UN-sponsored elections in 1993.

Pol Pot has been with his other henchmen for so many years, and they had stuck

together so long, it is hard to see a break now," noted one envoy. "One has to suspect some kind of manipulation."

Some analysts speculated that, by showing the other three as Pol Pot's hostages, they might become more cred-

ible in the political process that will culminate in fresh elections next year.

"Pol Pot knows he is unacceptable, but perhaps he is seeking respectability for the other three, who will then be able to protect him," said one

analyst. Much of the information coming out of the area of Anlong Veng, the last stronghold of the hardliners 200 miles north of here, about the military situation and the possibility that the British

mine-disposal expert Christo-

pher Howes, who was captured in March 1996 at Angkor, may be held with Pol Pot, is being disseminated by the army's Deputy Chief of Staff, Nhieu Bun Chhay.

Most observers reluctantly accept Mr Howes must be dead, either murdered or as a result of malaria or another illness. "I don't believe Howes is alive," the Second Co-Prime Minister, Hun Sen, said.

However, there is little

doubt that the remnants of the Khmer Rouge, which lost most of its strength last August when Ieng Sary, the former Foreign Minister, crossed to the government side with up to 10,000 of his men, is now unravelling fast.

What is happening to the

Khmer Rouge, and the bloody but deserved end that befell Son Sen, who gave the order to evacuate Phnom Penh in 1975, ran the Tuol Sleng torture

centre in the capital, and is credited with ordering the killing of tourists who fell into his men's hands, is a mirror image of what is occurring in Phnom Penh in the run-up to elections next year.

These elections will pit Prince Ranariddh's royalist Funcinpec party against Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party (CPP), the former Communists, and both sides in the uneasy coalition have been seeking to enlist the defected Khmer Rouge to its cause.

This is what led to the death of Son Sen, who was believed to be planning to join his brother, Ni Korn, who had defected to Hun Sen's side. The Khmer Rouge has long considered Hun Sen, once a Khmer Rouge fighter, a "Vietnamese puppet", as he came to power after the Vietnamese invasion that overthrew the Khmer Rouge in early 1979.

Hong Kong laws 'curb freedoms'

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE Foreign Office yesterday described as "unjustified and unnecessary" plans by the Beijing-appointed Provisional Legislature to curb civil liberties in Hong Kong.

New laws which were approved on Saturday by the legislature had already caused concern in Hong Kong and internationally, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

The Provisional Legislature, meeting across the border in Shenzhen, China, because of opposition in Hong Kong, completed the third and final readings of the laws, which will restrict demonstrations and impose controls on political organisations. The laws will allow the police to ban demonstrations to protect public order or "national security".

The legislature will replace the elected Legislative Council, which is to be dissolved at midnight on June 30 when the colony is handed over to China.

Despite the condemnation

from London, Rita Fan, president of the provisional body, insisted the critics of the new legislation would be proved wrong. Speaking in Shenzhen, she said: "Hong Kong people will find their freedoms unchanged. They will then remember the remarks made by the British Government and the Foreign Office and many others, and Hong Kong people will understand."

She said the changes were in line with Hong Kong's Basic Law and international human rights covenants.

However, Martin Lee, chairman of the Democrats, Hong Kong's most widely supported party, said the approval of the new laws represented a "step backward for freedom".

The term "national security" could become an excuse for quashing pro-democracy protests, Mr Lee said. "Laws must not take away rights from the people of Hong Kong, but rather must protect individual rights and freedoms."



A gambler, wallet poised, studies the Sha Tin form

Punters grab £56m at colony's last race day

Hong Kong: A gambling bonanza that gripped Hong Kong ended last night with a world record \$HK719 million (£56 million) payout to conclude the horseracing season two weeks before the colony reverts to Chinese rule.

Punters had to identify the first three horses in three races for a triple-trio wager — there are 48 million possible outcomes — that excited gambling-mad Hong Kong, which annually has a horserace betting turnover equal to about £6 billion. Nobody got all

nine horses, but 353 bets of \$HK10 each gained \$HK2.03 million. The *Guinness Book of World Records* lists the last world horseracing payout record as £980,000 in California in 1987.

About 88,000 people, many first-time horse gamblers, crammed into the Hong Kong Jockey Club's race course at Sha Tin to test their luck. The club distributes profits to community causes, and says that it is one of the world's five largest philanthropic organisations. (AFP)



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Gulf War illness report takes aim at White House

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE US Congress is to issue a new report on Gulf War Syndrome that will fiercely criticise the Pentagon and the White House for failing to recognise links between chemical weapons and the illnesses reported by veterans.

The report, coming in the wake of separate government conclusions that Iraqi chemical and biological agents were probably not responsible for the health problems of military personnel who served in the Gulf, can only confirm the view among veterans' groups of a widespread cover-up by the Clinton Administration.

In its inquiry, the General Accounting Office, the investigative branch of Congress, has found substantial evidence linking the various maladies to chemical gas.

Its conclusions, due this month, will be watched closely by the British Government after the Prime Minister's guarantee last month of further funding for research into Gulf War Syndrome among British veterans.

The GAO has also concluded that Iraqi biological weapons, including aflatoxin, a group of potent liver carcinogens, could be responsible for the fatigue, headaches, nausea, memory loss and reports of painful joints among an estimated 80,000 veterans who have requested special medical check-ups.

Sections of the report, published by *The New York Times* yesterday, contradicted previous findings by both the Pentagon and a presidential advisory committee which claimed that the physical after-effects of wartime stress

were a more likely cause of illness.

"The link between stress and these veterans' physical symptoms is not well established," said the office, "and the reported prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder among Gulf War veterans may be overestimated."

It said the departments were also wrong to rule out the effects of nerve gases such as sarin and other chemicals weapons. "There is substantial evidence that such compounds are associated with delayed or long-term health effects similar to those experienced by Gulf War veterans."

After five years of adamant denials, the Pentagon finally announced last year that more

Desert force has to stay

Prince Sultan Airbase, Saudi Arabia: William Cohen, US Defence Secretary, told American troops yesterday that they had to stay indefinitely at this isolated desert base because US economic interest demanded it.

With temperatures soaring to 47C (117F), Mr Cohen toured the base flight lines and tent towns and commiserated with fighter pilots and ground crews enforcing a "no-fly zone" in existence almost six years, over southern Iraq. Mr Cohen told troops that Washington would not abandon its commitment to the region. *AFP*

Israeli leader escapes charges

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

A SDI-MONTH political sleaze scandal that once threatened to topple Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, finally fizzled out yesterday when the Israeli High Court rejected a petition demanding that he be charged with fraud.

Four judges on the five-member panel refused to overrule a decision by state prosecutors not to charge the right-wing Prime Minister in the affair that was dubbed "Biblegate" after his nickname and arose from the short-lived appointment of a political crony, Roni Bar-On, as Attorney-General.

Although one judge, in a minority decision certain to generate further criticism, demanded that the state attorney show cause for his decision not to charge Mr Netanyahu, chose sides of the Prime Minister claimed that the judgment closed the door on the affair.

Most political commentators agreed with them, although left-wing opposition politicians continued to try to use the 4-1 verdict as cause to stir the political pot. "This means that 20 per cent of the panel thought this Prime Minister should stand trial. Today the countdown has begun for Binyamin Netanyahu's rule," argued Yossi Beilin, of the main opposition Labour Party.

Independent observers said that the scandal peaked on April 20 when the highly respected new Attorney-General, Elyakim Rubinstein, overruled police calls for Mr Netanyahu to be charged, claiming that the case was based on the testimony of one witness which was insufficient for bringing charges. The judges also unanimously rejected similar petitions demanding that Tsahi Hanegbi, the Justice Minister, be indicted.

The Israeli police, in a report likened to a political time-bomb, had recommended that both Mr Netanyahu and Mr Hanegbi be charged

with fraud and breach of trust. Had the Attorney-General upheld that decision in regard to Mr Netanyahu, it is unlikely that the 66-54 majority of his coalition in the Knesset could have survived.

Israelis, cynical about the wheeling and dealing involved in their politics, have dismissed the machinations

over the appointment of an Attorney-General as not out of the ordinary.

■ Street battles: For the second day running, there were street clashes between Palestinians and the Israeli security forces in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday. At least 15 Palestinians were wounded.

New York braced for battle on rent rises

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S Byzantine system of rent controls, instituted as a temporary measure during the Second World War, was last night on the verge of collapse, raising fears of violent conflict between tenants entrenched in their apartments and landlords who want to evict them.

Under pressure from conservative Republicans who control the New York state's Senate, rent protection could be scrapped for all but the infirm and elderly, ensuring that rents would be determined by supply and demand rather than by the stroke of a bureaucratic pen.

Yet resistance to change is so fierce that Joseph Bruno, the Senate majority leader and prime mover of the campaign for reform, has received several death threats. Rudolph Giuliani, New York's Republican Mayor, has opposed the scrapping of rent controls.

The facts, now almost obscured by hysteria, are that an astonishing 56 per cent of New York's 1.9 million rented homes have their rents "mispriced", determined in fact by a public agency without regard to the market. The median rent is \$600 (£370) a month, at least 30 per cent below the market rate.

Contrary to publicity put out by tenants' associations, however, the poor hardly benefit, since they live in public housing subsidised by taxpayers, not landlords.

In some desirable parts of Manhattan, where unregulated rents have soared, many wealthy "profited tenants" pay less than a quarter of the market rate. Such celebrities as the pop star Carly Simon, for example, and the broadcaster Alistair Cooke, are "protected".

While defenders of controls say that they secure affordable housing for people in market where demand outstrips supply, there is no doubt that price regulation has had exactly the opposite effect, creating a full-blown housing crisis in New York.

By suppressing the return landlords get on their investments, control has discouraged the building of new homes. Affordable housing has become so scarce that New Yorkers, and those moving to the city from outside, must exercise the same ingenuity in finding an apartment as Muscovites once did to find meat to eat.

McVeigh jury defends death sentence

FROM TOM RHODES
IN WASHINGTON

THE aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing continued to resonate throughout America yesterday as the jurors who convicted and then sentenced Timothy McVeigh to death talked for the first time about the former Gulf War veteran who murdered 168 adults and children.

Banned from speaking either during his trial or the second phase which ended on Friday with the death sentence, the seven men and five women said they had found it harder to convict the Oklahoma bomber than to decide that he should die.

Jim Osgood, the foreman who became known during the process as the *GQ* juror for his immaculate suits and ties, said that the prosecution case had been compelling, but the jury had cried for 90

minutes before returning to court to pronounce McVeigh's guilt. "We didn't look at one piece of evidence or one particular witness, we looked at the whole package," Mr Osgood said.

Every member of the jury said they wished McVeigh could have taken the stand to answer the question of why he had planned the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah federal building on April 19, 1995. Almost all believed that he had not acted alone.

Most were surprised that Stephen Jones, his defence lawyer, appeared effectively to have admitted the guilt of his client during the sentencing phase. Mr Jones had said that although the act was demonic, McVeigh was no demon.

"It knocked me off my feet when he said that," David Gilger, another juror, said. "I do wish Timothy McVeigh had sat in the witness stand and given testimony

of some kind but it was his choice not to and I respect that."

Since he was sentenced to death — an execution by lethal injection which is scheduled to take place at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana — McVeigh's lawyers have faced a barrage of criticism for what seemed both an inadequate defence and the apparent admission of guilt.

There has been speculation that McVeigh, 29, was masterminding the defence team and had wanted to die rather than spend the rest of his life in prison. However, Chris Trifco, one of his lawyers, said that during the sentencing phase the defence had merely tried to act within the parameters of a guilty verdict.

He defended the decision not to allow McVeigh to testify because his client still faces a further 160 state murder charges in Oklahoma and speaking in court could have affected his federal appeals. Mr Trifco countered the claims of both the public and the jury that the stony-faced former soldier had failed himself by showing no signs of remorse during the case.

"It would have been criticised whichever way he reacted. If he had cried throughout the very emotional testimony it would have been an admission of guilt," Mr Trifco said. "We just let Tim be himself and that is how he is... Tim was consulted in every aspect of the trial but all the final decisions were ours."

Terry Nichols, 42, the co-defendant in the case who is to be tried later this year, faces the same 11 conspiracy and murder charges as his former army colleague. Experts believe that his alleged "lesser role" in the bombing could result in a sentence of life imprisonment rather than capital punishment.

Last evacuees flee Brazzaville

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

BULLETS flew over the heads of the last foreigners to flee Brazzaville under the protection of French Foreign Legionnaires as Congolese troops and militiamen fought for control of the city's international airport yesterday.

Mortal explosions and the crash of tank rounds shook windows in the airport control tower as the last 100 evacuees prepared to leave Congo Brazza.

ville to its civil war. The 1,200 French troops were expected to follow them.

About 3,000 people are estimated to have died in the capital since June 5 when President Lissouba sent troops to disarm the Cobra militia of Denis Sassou-Nguesso, the former President.

The country was scheduled to hold a general election on July 27 but with most of the capital burning or shattered by heavy fighting, democracy appears a distant dream. Wit-

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Tyson title with a \$22m punch

He has thighs as large as an elephant's, and an ego to match. He used to be Mike Tyson's personal bodyguard. Now a self-styled "realtor to the stars", Michael Farris is handling the sale of one of the Tyson homes. For \$22 million and not a cent less.

He flew out from Las Vegas to show me around the Tyson mansion — put on the market last month — at 46 Poplar Bars Road, Farmington, Connecticut. Lurking behind the veil of that demure address lies what Mr Farris describes as "one of the largest private residences under one roof for sale in America today".

He is irrepressible. He may have had his "philosophical differences" with Mr Tyson — "there were too many people hanging around him, taking advantage of him" — but they are still "great buddies". Years after leaving the boxer's employ, he is very loyal to his old boss, which is why, he thinks, Mr Tyson chose him to sell The Mansion. "What you behold is one of the seven wonders of the world of real estate," he says.

But let the facts speak. Mr Tyson's house is indeed wondrous; it has 20 bedrooms, six sitting rooms, five dining rooms, 24 bathrooms, 14 lavatories, seven "gourmet" kitchens, four conference rooms, an in-house cinema, a discotheque, an indoor Olympic size swimming pool, a rackets court, two billiards rooms, an indoor shooting range, a 1,500 sq ft gymnasium, five Jacuzzis, a glass lift to carry one from floor to floor, a one-acre pond with a 30ft-high fountain and "gazebo guesthouse", an eight-car garage, an NBA-regulation basketball court, 17 acres of landscaped lawn (with an artificial waterfall), six servants' quarters, four dog kennels, and a heated driveway.

The house, totally furnished, also has 101 phone extensions and 48 television sets. But no boxing ring.

Mr Farris was brooding as we drove to the house. He was worried about what I was going to write. One or two pieces on The Mansion had appeared in the American press. They were not flattering. Naturally, having shown the journalists around in good faith, he felt betrayed.

There had been suggestions, for example, that the house was overpriced. After all, Mr Tyson paid only \$3 million for it early last year, buying it from a bank which had re-

ceived it as part-payment for debts owed by a renowned real-estate swindler who is now in prison.

"That's \$19 million profit," I exclaimed. "In just a year."

Mr Farris did not go on the back foot. On the contrary. "Mr Tyson deserves that price. He's had several serious injuries, and an Arab sheikh has sent his men to look around. Mr Tyson has poured millions into the place. He has furnished every room with only the most expensive material. You should have seen it. It was in need of a total overhaul. And in any case, it was a steal at \$3 million."

So, if the place is so sensational, why is Mr Tyson selling?

"Look, he's returning to the simple life. He's got too many homes and he just wants to settle down, to be fixed up somewhere. He has a home near Cleveland and his family really likes it there. But it pains him to sell this."

There had been whispers, also, that the house was not quite tasteful. "Tell me," I said, "how gaudy is it?"

"Absolutely not at all," Mr Farris replied, with a shake of his Mount Rushmore head. "You've have a loftier opinion of Mr Tyson after seeing the

house, believe me. It's not gaudy. He has great taste. He likes the modern stuff as well as classical objects. You see, Mike's educated himself. He likes to read. He hardly had any schooling, but I guess you'd say his good taste was always inside him."

Mr Farris was warming to Mr Tyson. The Mansion was clearly a labour of love.

The true labourer of love, however, was Dave Holloway. A powerful 57-year-old from North Carolina, he is The Mansion's caretaker. "I come with the house," he said, as he flung its doors open to us. He beamed at me, delighted that someone from a newspaper in London, England, was visiting. His handshake was like a bolt of lightning.

"One thing I like about the house," he was to tell me later, "is that everybody's got their own bathroom. You don't have to wait for no one."

We were standing in the foyer, which was three storeys high, with two curved staircases swirling upwards. Before us on the floor lay a dazzling zebra skin. Mr Farris said: "Mike loves African things, African art, motifs, objects." Mr Holloway agreed, sagely: "Yeah, Mike, he likes African things."

The marble however, ubiquitous

in its opulence, was clearly not African. Nor was the furniture, in a style that might best be described as Las Vegas vernacular. Mr Farris remarked: "As you can see, the home has been furnished with an eye for understated elegance."

I took refuge in a sudden flurry of note-taking. The place, frankly, was about as understated as a Tyson right hook.

But inelegant? Never. Over-seasoned, perhaps, but certainly not inelegant. The place had real panache. It was jazzy, funky, all those things.

The grand tour took four-and-a-half hours. As we moved from room to room — each with its relentless luxury, ankle-deep carpets, televisions the size of big suitcases and walk-in closets larger than my bedroom — I felt as punch-drunk as Frank Bruno after six rounds with Tyson.

You've got to admire the man. He grew up in reform schools and learnt how to live in the school of hard knocks (delivered, mostly, to other people, as a teenage delinquent in Brooklyn).

Now, he can afford a place like this, plus another sprawling address in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr Holloway said: "You know, Mike, he chose everything here himself. Right down to the fish in that pond outside." The pond, as I discovered, was packed with Japanese koi carp. They cost \$1,000 each and there must have been at least 100.

We entered the 37ft by 27ft master bedroom, with its 180-degree panoramic view of the waterfall, pond and rear grounds, cathedral ceiling, marble fireplace, four built-in overhead televisions, electronically operated window blinds, electronically controlled movie screen and combination safe for personal jewellery.

So this is where the great man reposed on his occasional visits. The bed was gigantic and seemed to exude a certain menace. Mr Farris sat on it and bounced about, showing off its firmness. "Mike loved this room," he purred. "He would stand by the window, look out at the woods, and say 'Man, this is mine, all mine.' And he was right. Every brick and beam here is his, all his. The whole shebang belongs to Mike."

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Mike Tyson takes his pet tiger for a walk in the grounds



The hallway is three storeys high with two staircases and reflects Tyson's love of African works of art



Mike Farris, estate agent, in one of the 20 bedrooms furnished with "modern stuff as well as classical objects"

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OPERA

Wagner from the fords: the Norwegian *Ring* opens at the Norwich Theatre Royal
FIRST NIGHT: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday



POP

Still elegantly wasted: Michael Hutchence's INXS blast into Wembley Arena
GIG: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday



VISUAL ART

Rhapsodies in black: the Hayward Gallery celebrates the Harlem Renaissance
OPENS: Thursday
REVIEW: Tomorrow

Last week Gerry Robinson, chairman of Granada, said that it would be more logical, within the next ten years, if the current 15 ITV companies were to come under the control of a single owner. If ITV were being set up today, he said, to compete with Channels 4 and 5, with BSkyB and a BBC more competitive than ever dreamt of when ITV was inaugurated, then its present structure would be considered "costly and ludicrous".

Despite the fact that I work for Gerry Robinson, I think that he is right. For whether ITV can wait anything like ten years is, in my view, very doubtful. The fissured ITV system divides up Britain not unlike the several warring kingdoms divided it in the early Dark Ages. Some say that the comparisons need not stop there.

But ITV has to pay almost £400 million a year to the Government just for the right to be ITV — a crippling burden way past any justification and a penalty from which its direct competitors, Chan-

Time to drag ITV out of the Dark Ages

CHANNELS 4 AND 5 AND BSkyB AND CABLE (AND THE BBC!), ALL ARE EXCUSED.

I would go in harder than Gerry Robinson and assert that if ITV is not allowed to trade more competitively (by the lifting of the ancient tax on airtime and therefore an equalisation of commercial factors with other channels) then Britain's single biggest channel investor in original British programming will be seriously eroded with consequences which could damage what at the moment promises to be the beginning of a most positive broadcasting leap forward in the next five years.

The answer, in my opinion, is undoubtedly one, or at the very most two, owners for the whole system. This would give the commercial sector in this country the clout in a world market which the pigmy sizes of the commercial companies have hitherto failed to achieve. It would also enable ITV to regroup against a host of new television armies undreamt of in the philosophy of those who so carefully both set it up and pinched it down just over 40 years ago when there was only one competing channel. It is as if ITV is still being forced to travel in aircraft driven by propellers while the rest are moved on to jets.

If ITV could centralise its

of its own. It is the only channel unmodernised. It is now, when ITV is up there, when it is still a success, that is the best time to strike it now.

massive heave up the global ladder in broadcasting and screen businesses. And look what has happened quite recently with the centralising, the regrouping and the reforming of another old, tradition-bound institution solidified in the Fifties and unaligned to modern developments for overlong. New Labour could be a model for New ITV. How much would it cost to hire Alastair Campbell and Peter Mandelson?

There are three obvious objections to what I have suggested. The first is where will the much-loved regional programmes go — those services often rated way ahead of their BBC1 counterparts? I think they should increase and multiply. Where they exist efficiently enough run they prosper. But instead of a dozen or so we should have 50 or 60 up and down the land, each serving about half a million people

and allowed — as now — to slot into the ITV network at agreed times and agreed prices. This could transform local broadcasting and local communities.

THE second objection is that a new centrally driven ITV would chuck out public service programmes — most obviously documentaries, arts and classic drama. Not so, I believe. ITV's greatest periods of rounded and comparative success have been when it has recognised the power and pushed the effectiveness of a mixed portfolio. ITV would be mad not to realise that it must lure in minorities as well as majorities.

But, thirdly, who would be that sole owner? It is likely that the gloves would be off. There are at least three hats already in the ring — Gerry Robinson himself, of

course, with Granada; Michael Green with Carlton; and Lord Hollick with Meridian. There would be tartan cries from the north and the red dragon breathing from the west and others seeing the opportunities in a United Kingdom of commercial broadcasting. It could be the mother of all franchise battles. On the other hand, with rules sensibly realigned to the almost completely new situation which has come about in the past two or three years, the amalgamations could proceed through agreements and mergers of those already committed to commercial television.

Either way the cohesion of ITV and the ITV system is a necessary and urgent step if British broadcasting's biggest single spender on domestic product is to play a mature part in what could be an exhilarating move up the league tables of global media, a move which is overdue partly because ITV has not been given the attention it merits. Let battle commence.

In sight of a double triumph

OPERA: Rodney Milnes sees the Aldeburgh Festival celebrate its 50th with a Turnage double bill

Even when the composer was alive, the Aldeburgh Festival was always more than just — just — Britten. He gave opportunities to many other composers, Henze, Lennox Berkeley, Malcolm Williamson, Thea Musgrave, and of course Birthe — the premiere of *Punch and Judy* (1968) was one of the defining moments of both Aldeburgh and postwar musical life in Britain. The current artistic directors, Oliver Knussen and Stuart Bedford, are building on this noble tradition; in the 50th Festival there are interesting Britten exhumations, a new work from Alexander Goehr, and a focus on Michael Berkeley; and the double bill of Mark-Anthony Turnage premières that launched the

festival on Friday could well prove to be as auspicious an event as the Birthe — nearly 30 years ago.

They were given at the Snape Maltings under the joint aegis of Aldeburgh and the ENO Contemporary Opera Studio, and could not have been a better advertisement for the latter in these troubled times: composer, librettists and artists had taken full advantage of the Studio's facilities for experimentation, workshopping and revision in the light of practical experience; both pieces seemed "finished" in a way that not all new operas are and the actual standard of both stage and musical performance under the direction of Nicholas Kok with members of the ENO orchestra was impeccable.



Keel Watson (the Elder) and Thomas Randle (Nunez) in Mark-Anthony Turnage's *The Country of the Blind*, premiered at the Aldeburgh Festival

Turnage and the writer Jackie Kay nearly turned *Twice Through the Heart*, a series of poems as if by a woman imprisoned after fatally stabbing her violent husband, into an opera, complete

with narrator, chorus and a trial scene; in the event they wisely left it as an eminently stageable solo song-cycle, sung with quietly blazing intensity by Sally Burgess. Words and music say all there is to be said about an event made all the more stirring by its seeming so everyday, almost commonplace an event.

It was perhaps the subject-matter rather than the actual score of *Greek* (1988), Turnage's last work for the stage, that won him a reputation for musical violence; here it was the aching lyricism, the truly Britenesque resourcefulness of instrumental colour drawn from a chamber orchestra of only 16, above

all the sense of compassion that were most immediately striking. The bleakness, the desolation were unerringly caught, the sense of an inescapable double trap, the prison cell and the violent, not loveless relationship that preceded it, with fortissimo thwacks on bass-drum in the final song suggesting so much more than just the closing of the cell door. Not, on the surface, a cheerful work, but — as in the case of Janáček's tragedies — an indefinitely inspiring one. The world will change.

The music for *The Country of the Blind* is busing; indeed this 45-minute opera moves forward with irresistible mo-

mentum, encouraged by the short lines and strong rhythms of Clare Venables's libretto, drawn from the H.G. Wells short story. The parable of a sighted man entering a blind community, of both parties seeking to cope with the other, and their eventual parting with the mutual realisation that people must accept what they are, is not out of place in Aldeburgh, home of Britten-the-Outer.

Apart from Turnage's grasp of dramatic shape and pace, about which he writes persuasively in the programme, it is again the lyricism that impresses most: the love duet in which the sighted man tries to explain the concept of light to

the blind girl (inevitably recalling Tchaikovsky's *Yolanta*) is extraordinarily luscious and — while I don't want to destroy Turnage's reputation — you really do come out humming the tune. The piece was quite brilliantly directed by ENO's Emma Jenkins on a spectacular set by Conor Murphy: this is perhaps not a show for performers, or audiences, with vertigo. Thomas Randle and Regina Nathan, and indeed the whole excellent cast, seized gratefully on Turnage's beautifully natural writing for voice. This double bill will be repeated at Aldeburgh on Sunday, and visits the Queen Elizabeth Hall on July 3 and 5.

CONCERT

Short on smiles

THE Barbican is taking its Ravel very seriously. So much so that, in *L'heure espagnole*, in the penultimate concert of the London Symphony Orchestra's *Through the Looking-Glass* series, neither a ticking clock, nor a musical pun, nor even a dysfunctional cuckoo could raise a laugh, let alone a smile, from the reverent audience.

Ravel, after all, thought of his "musical play in one act" as the first real comic opera in France. The humour, he insisted, lay in the music, and the LSO and André Previn did everything within their power to persuade us of the fact. Their *Rapsodie espagnole* and the introductory *Le tombeau de Couperin* had already set in motion their expertise in this music.

In order to furnish the imagination with the colourful absurdity of this opera's staging — its procession of clocks and lovers, its upstairs and its downstairs — a concert performance must work hard. David Wilson-Johnson, as the corpulent banker Don Indio Gomez certainly did. His first "Salut!" leapt out into the auditorium; he busted with the bass strings, rhapsodised with the horns, and worked the words hard and fast.

He and John Mark Ainsley (as the poetic tenor Gonzalve) were ideally cast. Their double-act in the absurd denouement was a masterpiece of perfectly judged tone and register. The Canadian mezzo Kimberly Barber was a vivacious and idiomatic Conception. Ramiro the Muleteer is not intended to be a laugh a minute, but Kurt Ollmann should not, perhaps, have taken his dullness at face value. Rather take a hint from Georges Gautier's clockmaker Torquemada, whose sense of comic timing was everything one might expect.

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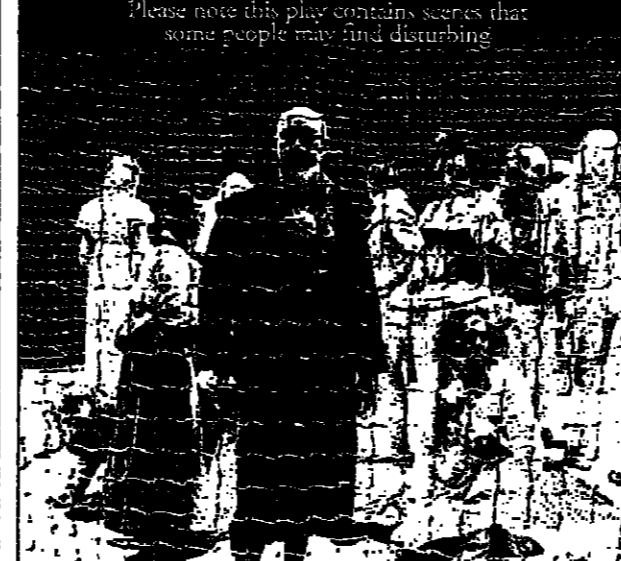
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Jon Bon Jovi
Forum, NWS

Hundreds of Volvos and BMWs lined the narrow streets of Kentish Town on Thursday night as rock legend Jon Bon Jovi packed out the Forum. These are the well-heeled suburbs who have kept faith in the New Jersey megastar throughout his decade-long transformation from stock-haired stadium rock bimbo to gravel-voiced balladeer, selling more than 75 million albums in the process. They arrived in their droves to see the singer play tracks from *Destination Anywhere*, his official debut as a solo performer, as opposed to front man of the hugely successful pop-rock behemoth which bears his name.

Destination Anywhere was written in London last year. Bon Jovi claims the album was influenced by the current British pop scene, but any such colloquial details have clearly been lost in translation. In reality these songs are business as usual for the sandy-haired sex symbol, albeit a little more frayed around the edges than usual, offering yet another journey through his beloved mythic Americana of smalltown heartache and blue-collar romance.

Such at least is the lyrical hinterland of the husky power ballads *Every Word Was a Piece of My Heart* and *Ugly*.

STEPHEN DALTON

Even when he stripped down the band for a semi-acoustic campfire strum through old favourites *Blaze of Glory* and *Livin' on a Prayer*, there was little substance behind his world-weary posturing.

Even his latest attempt to be soulful and funky, the clumsy strut of *Naked*, merely baffled this essentially conservative audience. No wonder they howled with relief when the familiar roar of *Keep the Faith* topped off the set. Try as he might to exude the sombre wisdom of age, Bon Jovi remains shackled to the blow-dried banality of his past.

Although he wears a battered leather jacket and crumpled black jeans these days, Jon Bon Jovi is still a hammy showman at heart. He remains a Disney facsimile of a rock star, an ultra-slick professional playing the role of hard-bitten troubadour for a family audience.

It is hard to fault the singer for sensibly staying within his limitations for most of the show. He may trace his stylised drifter lineage back through Bruce Springsteen to Jack Kerouac, but Bon Jovi is essentially serving up a sanitised, shallow pastiche of their emotional landscape.

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Jon Bon Jovi, the sandy-haired sex symbol, gives his adoring public a live taste of his solo album at the Forum

Where love meets death

IT IS possible to imagine Jacques Brel's life being given the big-budget *Buddy-meets-Jolson* treatment. Just think of the storyline: Brussels boy rejects his stolid middle-class upbringing and tries his hand at songwriting, becomes a folk hero in France before turning his back on the concert stage before he is 40, and eventually sails away to the South Pacific.

Stir in scenes from his tortuous love life and his vain battle against cancer, bring on the dusky dancing girls for the burial in Gauguin's backyard, and you are halfway to making your fortune.

Noel Harrison — expatriate, guitar-playing son of Rex Harrison — does it all much more economically, but with a lot more style. Apart from the handful of coloured lights that flash on and off, rather incongruously, during the ever-accelerating tempo of *La valse à mille temps*, there is not a hint of spectacle in his 90-minute one-man show. The marvellously evocative songs — and what songs they are — do most of the work for him.

Adieu, Jacques
Jermyn Street

Devotees of Brel's work may be disappointed by the sketchiness of Harrison's narrative, which does not stray beyond the basic facts of the troubadour's short but tumultuous career. We are left wanting to know more, for instance, about the period after his withdrawal from public performances, or the consequences for those closest to him of his brand of rugged individualism.

But we do get to know the songs very well, as Harrison sets numbers such as *Jo-Jo, Le plat pays* or *Mon père disait* in the context of the author's life. Although he resists the temptation to sing the English translations, he provides unobtrusive, semi-spoken translations along the way.

Underpinned by his sensitive guitar accompaniment, Harrison's voice captures the recurring mixture of anguish and wistfulness, exemplified by *Le moribond* and *Ne me quitte pas*. In Brel's world, he reminds us, "l'amour" and "la mort" are forever intertwined.

CLIVE DAVIS

Perfect sales pitch

Celine Dion
Dublin

test. But then who could forget that Dion already did that, taking the bacon back to Geneva in 1987?

Indeed, much of her set sounds as if it was written with Eurovision in mind — and that's the problem. Even as she's interpreting classic ballads such as Eric Carmen's *All By Myself* the feeling remains that Dion is delivering cartons of homogenised milk rather than distilling bottles of the pure drop. That said, one cannot fault her voice, which is as resonant as any in popular music. And her stage presence is very strong, revealing an easygoing personality that is charm itself.

NICK KELLY

But if Dion's ability to get those lighters in the air and those arms swaying is undisputed, that vital quality needed to send shivers down the spine is sadly lacking.

While it is true that every great pop act hits on a formula and by large sticks to the parameters of Celine Dion's artistic framework seem just that little bit too controlled. Any deviation from the slushy weepalong or the power-charged showstopper is a risk her multi-platinum sales chart just won't countenance.

But when he's at his best, as when belting out *It's all Coming Back to Me Now* or the finale, *Because You Loved Me*, Dion is the modern queen of showbiz.

STEPHEN DALTON

NO SOONER had the dust settled after the departure of Garth Brooks than another megastar blew into town, and Dubliners were required to swap their stetsons for the designer Europop hat modelled by French-Canadian megastar Celine Dion. This time it was the turn of Lansdowne Road, a stadium more usually associated with Irish rugby and football internationals than pop concerts, to play the great outdoor host.

As she took the stage in a beige outfit and glitzy jacket, the chances of the ever-graceful Dion changing into a pair of cowboy boots mid-set were always going to be slimmer than Liechtenstein's chances of qualifying for the World Cup — or, I was going to add, of Switzerland's chances of winning the Eurovision Song Contest.

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Keeping the Woolf from the door

Adrian Zuckerman on resolving a legal conflict of interest

The coming to power of the Labour Party has given enormous pleasure to the legal profession. Quite a few members of the Bar marked the occasion by raising a glass of champagne. Anyone who has followed the attempts to reform the administration of civil justice will not be surprised.

Since the 1980s the legal profession has felt threatened by successive Conservative Governments. Their worries started with the private initiative of a Labour MP, Austin Mitchell, who proposed in 1983 the abolition of the solicitors' monopoly over conveyancing. The proposal was greeted with widespread support, and legislation was introduced. A dramatic fall in the cost of buying or selling a house followed.

But conveyancing was not the only area of complaint. The cost of litigation in England is exorbitant. The risk of incurring ruinous costs can deter even a rich person from litigating, and taking a serious dispute to court is out of the question for ordinary citizens, unless they are supported by legal aid, by a trade union or financed by motor insurance.

Realising that little could be achieved by procedural changes, the Conservative Government tried to improve access to justice by creating competition in the provision of services and proposed giving solicitors rights of audience in the superior courts. The Bar, feeling its monopoly threatened, resisted ferociously. As a result, the proposals were watered down: solicitors were given rights of audience in a way which discouraged them from taking up the opportunity.

Despite several Green Papers, White Papers, legislation and widespread public debate during the decade after the reform of conveyancing, little was achieved. The cost of litigation remained high — indeed, it increased. But the Government persisted in its efforts. In 1994, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, then Lord Chancellor, appointed Lord Woolf, now Master of the Rolls, to review the administration of civil justice and propose ways to reduce the cost of access to the courts.

Lord Woolf was emphatic in his diagnosis. Costs are high not because our procedures are particularly complex, but because clients and their lawyers have the freedom to complicate and protract litigation. No doubt lawyers act in the best interests of their clients. But they also have a strong economic interest of their own, since they are paid by the hour. The more protracted the litigation, the higher their fees. Lawyers would be inhuman if they were immune to this temptation.

Lord Woolf proposed two strategies. First, that simple disputes involving sums of up to £10,000 should be dealt with by a simplified, fast-track procedure, in which the costs that the winner could recover from the loser would be fixed. Since litigants would not be able to recover more than this sum,

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The success of one high school merely demonstrates how far education in the US is failing its students

The Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, in Washington DC, is a successful educational experiment in a city of many social disadvantages. The school was founded in 1981 to provide a rigorous academic education for 400 of the best students in Washington. It is highly selective, about 300 very bright students compete each year for 100 places. Its curriculum includes a year of compulsory Latin, as well as foreign languages and sciences. It has strict disciplinary standards; no truancy is tolerated; punctuality is punctilious and so are the homework requirements.

The educational results have been outstanding. Banneker produces only about 3 per cent of the city's high school graduates, but they won three of the ten scholarships awarded by George Washington University this year, and four out of eight last year. All 80 students graduating this year have been accepted for college, gaining entry into some of America's most important universities, such as Yale and Stanford.

Banneker is the American equivalent of a grammar school; selective, academic, disciplined, aiming to get the brightest pupils into the best universities. The Principal, Linette Adams, has been in charge of the school since it opened. She says the formula is simple: "Take bright, motivated students, place them in an intimate, nurturing environment, and wrap them in a challenging curriculum ... we're just an old-fashioned back-to-basics school. Some would consider us too rigorous in some things, but we don't apologise for that." In Britain this would be regarded as an example of Conservative educational thinking.

On Friday, Hillary Rodham Clinton was the Commencement Day speaker. She praised the school as "a powerful example of what can happen when a school sets high expectations". As was reported in *The Washington Post*, she went on to express the hope that "we could say about every high school in Washington what we can say about Banneker today".

The objective of raising standards is obviously right, but Banneker is a highly selective school. No doubt there could be one or two more Bannekers in Washington, but it is not possible for all Washington high schools to reach such lofty standards. They cannot all draw on the best and brightest students.

Banneker is a limited answer, successful at least for its own students, to the worst educational problems of modern America. The first problem is the urban deprivation of the inner cities, with their concentration of disadvantaged ethnic minorities in conditions of crime, drugs, broken families and welfare dependency.

Banneker's students have had to battle their way through this urban jungle. At the same Commencement Day ceremony, Mayor Marion Barry — himself a former convict — said to the graduates: "Many of the young people you went to kindergarten with are not graduating high school today." He congratulated them on having beaten the odds. Banneker has its fair share of students whose mothers are on drugs, or dead of an overdose, and whose fathers are in jail, or missing altogether.

That is one problem; the other is the collapse of standards in American secondary education. American children perform reasonably well in junior school — the problem comes later. One often reads horror stories about standards in British schools, but perhaps nothing as depressing as this shaken from a recent article by Maggie Gallagher: "Government studies reveal that half of our 17-year-olds are unable to calculate the area of a rectangle; just 47 per cent could tell you how to express 9/100 as a

percentage. Only 20 per cent could apply for a job. A National Geographic Society survey revealed that less than half of young adults in America can locate the state of New York on a map ... a third of college freshmen require remedial courses in reading, writing or maths." These standards are certainly far below the norms when my mother graduated from an American high school in 1909, or when she was teaching in a New York City high school on the edge of Harlem, in 1913. Her students were learning elocution

Diego airport told me he felt he might have been in Mexico City. Yet the Hispanic community has a high proportion of young people who have either dropped out of high school, or graduated without learning the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic.

A society with ever-rising standards of technology is failing to educate about half its high school students to the minimum level which the new technology requires. This under-educated half includes a high proportion of Afro-Americans, Latino-Americans and welfare dependent Americans from the big cities. If, at the age of 17 you do not know what 9/100 is when it is expressed as a percentage, and cannot write a one-paragraph job application, you cannot expect to share in the new opportunities of the information age.

It is not surprising that the Benjamin Banneker Academic High School should seem an attractive solution. Perhaps it is more unexpected that the grammar school

should command itself as a model to a liberal Democrat First Lady like Hillary Clinton. For 100 underprivileged Washington students a year, Banneker is indeed an almost miraculous escape. But it still leaves the big problem unresolved. How does the United States restore decent educational standards for the average high school student?

Eight years ago the American high schools were among the best in the world, along with the grammar schools of England, and the Scottish, the German and the French school systems. How can the standards of the pioneer period in America be recovered, not just for the brightest 3 per cent, but for the great majority of students? That is a question on which the future of the United States in the next century depends.

The lesson America will have to learn

Adrian Zuckerman on resolving a legal conflict of interest

they would be discouraged from agreeing to pay their lawyers more. And, if lawyers were to be paid a fixed fee, they would wish to speed up the process.

In all other cases, Lord Woolf proposed that judges should take control over litigation. The courts should determine the pace and intensity of litigation rather than leave this to the litigants and their lawyers.

As with previous initiatives, the legal profession objected vehemently. The support that Lord Woolf received from Lord Mackay only deepened their gloom. But the new Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Laird, is expected to be more sympathetic to lawyers' interests. The profession was particularly gratified to learn from him on June 6 that, while he believes in the need for reform, the emphasis should be on examining the cost-effectiveness of the Woolf proposals, rather than on the practices that deny justice to the ordinary citizen.

There are perfectly good reasons why Lord Irvine may be cautious about Lord Woolf's proposals. Judicial supervision of litigation demands greater judicial resources, which means more expense for the taxpayer. Yet there is no guarantee that supervision would bring down the cost of litigation — for the hourly pay system would continue to provide lawyers with incentives to protract matters. Indeed, it is quite possible that a new breed of managerial judges would be lulled by the prevailing legal culture into condoning expensive practices of dubious benefit, as judges have done for so long.

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"I may know the answer by the transmission date of the programme."

Fast food

ONE of Britain's clutch of Michelin three-starred restaurants is on the move. Marco Pierre White's The Restaurant, which currently lodges at the Hyde Park Hotel in Knightsbridge, is said to be about to transfer to Le Meridien, a Forte hotel in Piccadilly.

The move is sure doubly to upset

White's present lessor at the Hyde Park Hotel, Mandarin Oriental. Not only have they lost their star chef but he is going to a hotel owned by Granada, the group which sold the Hyde Park to Mandarin Oriental only last November.

White, a cook prone to shouting and physical abuse in the name of fussy French cooking, is expected to bring some panache to a hotel which at present has all the charm of a Folkestone boarding house.

Party plan

THE DUCHESS of St Albans' annual summer party tonight is in danger of being sabotaged by American *parvenus* from Palm Beach, Florida. For the past 33

years, the Australian-born duchess, who recently separated from the duke, has hosted a party on the first Monday of Ascot for racegoers and canapé scavengers at her London home. But this year, before the duchess had even printed her invitations, a couple of aspiring socialites by the name of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Kirkbride had sent out their own to a rival bash on the same night. Embarrassingly for the duchess, their guest lists have a large overlap, and it is feared that many will opt for cocktails with the Kirkbrides, rather than drinks with the duchess. To remind guests that hers is the more established event, the titled Australian has added the handwritten inscription to all her invitations, "24th consecutive pre-Ascot party".

• Marlene Gingrich, wife of Newt, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, recently chose Zoo Atlanta, in Georgia, as the place to celebrate her husband's 54th birthday last Saturday. Gingrich has been a little down of late as his star has waned dramatically since 1994, when he orchestrated the Republicans' recapture of Congress. Alongside him at the bash was Willie B., the zoo's prize gorilla, who was 39 on the same day. According to Mike Shields, head of the Friends of New Gingrich, the Speaker

"wanted to be a zoo-keeper when he was a kid". By becoming Speaker of the House, some might say he got his wish.

Dirty film

SWAMPY and his lodges have been awarded top marks for initiative by Granada Television. The environmental activists were given video cameras by the makers of a *World in Action* documentary on the Manchester airport runway protest in order to film their subterranean activities. But the eco-warriors had a problem. Just how were they going to get the footage past the Cheshire police on the barricades? Simple: hide it where no God-fearing mortal would dare to look — in their underwear.

The cassettes, however, were not as

asual as one would imagine. With extreme foresight, the producers bought the protesters a couple of pairs of Calvin Kleins each. The documentary, entitled *Through the Cafeteria* after the name of the tunnel, will be screened on ITV tonight.

Princely sum

FOR shrewd investors in the art world, lithographs by the Prince of Wales are proving to be a wise buy. The latest of the Prince's works is a watercolour entitled *Double Haven Bay, Hong Kong from HMY Britannia* and will be issued in an edition of just 100 to coincide with the handover of the colony to China in two weeks' time. Any money raised (more than £2 million has been collected since he started issuing lithographs) goes to the Prince's chosen charities. Each one comes



The Royal bay watch

with a book of the Prince's watercolours introduced by his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. The lithograph will cost just over £3,000 through the CCA galleries, though if previous artistic efforts by the Prince are anything to go by it can be expected to triple in value within the next three to four years.

P.H.S



"I shouldn't take everything Prince Charles says about teachers so seriously, dear"



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Delius: secret son?

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NEW START FOR HOUSING

Labour's opportunity to change the streets where we live

When Gordon Brown rises next month to announce his first Budget, his decision on mortgage tax relief will be headline news. But in terms of British housing strategy, this is among the least important of the decisions that confront the new Government. For Britain is facing a "housing boom" of a different and more troubling kind to the one suggested by last month's steep rise in house prices. Within the next 20 years, the number of households will grow by 4.4 million — more than exist today in Greater London. This will not only create huge extra demand for housing; because of migration, it will be heaviest in the already congested southern counties of England such as Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire.

The cause is not demographic growth — Britain's population has been roughly stable since the 1960s — but a rapid shift in demographic patterns. By the time today's kindergarten children reach adulthood, a mere half of Britain's houses are likely to be occupied by the traditional family unit of parents and children; divorce and increasing longevity will between them generate an explosive growth in single occupancy, from a fifth to a third of the total.

In a free country, little can be done to change this trend. But the decisions taken now will make a considerable impact on the ways in which rising demand is met, and the effects on Britain's future environment.

New households need not and should not always mean new houses, for example. The Budget is expected to confirm Labour's pledge to release the £5 billion of capital accumulated by local authorities from council house sales, and use it to increase public spending on housing. That money should be used not for new housing, but for the renovation and conversion of existing stock and neighbourhood improvement. The aim should be to improve privately rented stock as well as public housing and to concentrate on deprived areas, because they are the least likely to attract private developers. In addition, the Government should build on John Gummer's wise decision, just before leaving office, to ease restrictions on converting office buildings into flats.

The environmental argument against

such a policy is that old housing tends to be energy-inefficient. In Britain, where half of all dwellings were built before 1945, household energy consumption is twice that of Switzerland's. But since 90 per cent of these houses will still be in use in 2020, upgrading them makes obvious sense. And in a country as densely populated as Britain, large-scale building of new houses has potentially devastating environmental costs.

These are particularly heavy because of the pronounced consumer preference for homes in "leafy areas": Britain's rural population increased by 7 per cent in the 1980s. However much stress is placed on renovation, many new houses will be built in the next two decades. Radical thinking is therefore required about the scale, the design, the density and the location of new housing. Kitmarks for new houses should be introduced, covering not only energy efficiency but the economical use of land, transport and water resources. Consumer preferences are too readily taken for granted. Developers should be encouraged to learn from cities such as Bremen, where neighbourhoods for people who do not own a car are heavily oversubscribed.

Britain has had more than enough ribbon development. If the countryside is to be adequately protected, demand needs to be nudged away from rural areas and greenfield sites. The existing target of building 50 per cent of new homes in inner cities or derelict "brownfield" sites should be raised, to 70 per cent. That is realistic only with a more determined effort to make Britain's towns and cities more attractive. But sticks can be used as well as carrots.

Some are fiscal. The Chancellor should listen carefully to the strong environmental case for VAT on new housing, and to Liberal Democrat ideas for a special tax on development of greenfield sites, which are currently cheaper to build on than reclaimed land. Others will involve a more integrated approach to planning that links housing decisions more closely to jobs and transport. Green lobbies too easily characterise the changing pattern of Britain's households as a threat. With the right mix of radical policies, it could become an opportunity.

ASIA ON-LINE

Singapore and Malaysia struggle for Silicon Valley supremacy

The challenge to Europe comes from the East. That much can be agreed at the Amsterdam summit. Despite exhortations from British Prime Ministers of both parties, most politicians and all trade unionists on the Continent continue to prefer protection to competition. Asia's economic threat is often characterised as that of inexpensive manufactured exports based on a cheap and frequently exploited labour force. For Europe to abandon its 50-year social security arrangements to match sweatshops in Shanghai would represent, in Lionel Jospin's words, "the end of civilisation".

Would that the world were so simple. Rapidly developing nations such as China may currently rely on mass-produced goods. But the real impetus in the near future will come instead from high technology. The extent of Asia's advantage can be seen in the quiet struggle between Singapore and Malaysia for "Silicon Valley" status. The investment concerned far exceeds any such effort in Europe. To borrow from Tony Blair, the EU must modernise or die.

Singapore is on schedule to complete its "Intelligent Island" programme in 2000. All 800,000 households and every business in the country will be connected to a high-speed interactive cable network — the largest of its kind in the world. This will initially allow nationwide access to cable television, Internet services and government offices. Shortly after that, a National Information Infrastructure will provide the whole city-state with interactive libraries, banking, shopping, civic services and video-conferencing.

With a land area 500 times larger than its tiny neighbour, Malaysia cannot hope to match the Intelligent Island. However, its

alternative is equally ambitious. The "Multimedia Super-Corridor" is larger than Singapore. It runs from the Petronas Twin Towers — the largest building on the planet — to a new international airport. A fibre-optic network will connect every corporation. Electronic government, "smart schools", and tele-medicine will then follow.

None of this has happened by accident. Political will and substantial inducements to the private sector have combined to make it possible. Singapore's Prime Minister, Goh Chok Tong, has seized personal charge of the project and run it as others would a war-effort. Malaysia's Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, has been no less forceful in his approach. He has taken a two-month sabbatical from all other duties solely to promote the Super-Corridor to companies in Europe and the United States. Both men have used cheap land, tax concessions and minimum regulations to attract interest. Despite their intense rivalry for ultimate supremacy, each nation should prosper for its efforts.

This is the real Asian challenge — high skills not low salaries — and Europe needs to appreciate it. The new Silicon Valleys, not the stereotype sweatshops, are its form. There are risks in selecting one specific aspect of new technology — as Singapore and Malaysia have done with cable networks — in this rapidly changing sector. The returns, economic and social, are still likely to prove immense. Where these two nations lead, others in the Far East will certainly follow. European leaders may choose to ignore or deplore these trends but they cannot change them. Neither can trade unions in France or elsewhere. We have seen the future: it lies online not on picket lines.

LEAVE THE CAR BEHIND

A thought at the start of Walk to School Week

Today is the beginning of National Walk to School Week, an offshoot of the Don't Choke Britain campaign. This campaign runs for the rest of June and is backed by 400 transport and environmental organisations and local authorities, as well as the Government. And it comes none too soon. Three times as many junior school children are driven to school in Britain as in Germany. There is another striking difference over time. In 1971, 87 per cent of British eight-year-olds took themselves to school without an adult. Now the figure is just 11 per cent.

One survey estimates that parental escorting duties take 900 million hours a year, costing up to £2 billion in lost earnings and congestion costs to other road users. School runs are calculated to make up a fifth of rush-hour traffic, and a quarter of them are of a mile or less. Since an engine is at its most noxious when cold, these short journeys add most to pollution. This can be at its worst at the school gate, affecting those who arrive on foot as well. The London Borough of Camden recently found that the carbon-monoxide level outside one of its primary schools rose at dropping-off time from 0.25 parts to million to 2.5 parts per million. Meanwhile one of the most common school

accessories is an inhaler. The rate of child asthma has doubled in 20 years. Some of these car journeys are unavoidable. Increased school choice has allowed parents to send their children to schools that are farther away. There may be no public transport alternative. But there are many parents who are too lazy to walk to school, and too nervous to let their children go on their own. This is a great pity, and not just for other road users and those who have to breathe the air. Children learn from walking — how to negotiate traffic safely and how to deal tactfully but firmly with strangers. There is a sharp rise in road casualties when children reach secondary school age, suggesting that they have not assimilated road safety skills. Crossing roads with an adult is the best way to learn them.

Parents should ask themselves "Is my journey really necessary?" If it is, can it be carried out on foot or on public transport? If the car is the only possible mode, can the school run be shared? Can a bus be organised? What can be done to reduce the heavy loads that children are made to carry? It is time, as Frances Lawrence memorably said, to put an end to children being driven to school "like freight behind plate glass".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Weighing up Tory leadership choices

From Miss Ann Widdecombe, MP for Maidstone and the Weald (Conservative)

Sir, The real message coming from Ken Clarke's overwhelming victory last week in the poll of Conservative associations throughout Great Britain is that the party in the country wants the party in Parliament to stop destroying itself over the ideological battles of the past and to concentrate on selecting a convincing leader for the future.

It is not even Ken Clarke's views on Europe which the Right find hard to accept — after all, he opposes making any of the further concessions to Brussels which Blair is likely to agree at Amsterdam — but his views solely on the single currency. Yet this is no longer an issue which warrants the high emotion it regularly causes. First, the Conservative Party is not in charge of the agenda and will not be for five years, by which time the European picture will be considerably different. Ken Clarke has always made it clear that he will never join a fudged EMU. We are therefore in danger of tearing ourselves apart over nothing.

As a "Euro-sceptic" I support Ken Clarke in the reality of the present situation. As a right-winger I agree with the assessment of him that Margaret Thatcher made in her autobiography: "... he was tough in dealing with vested interests and Trade Unions, direct and persuasive in his exposition of Government policy". At Health and Education he put in place far-sighted and often unpopular reforms that are now really delivering results.

Undoubtedly he has the strength of presentation and personality we need if we are to confound Tony Blair.

The party is both its Right and its Left and if it becomes the exclusive preserve of one or the other then it ceases to be the Conservative Party. That is why my vote on Tuesday will be a tangible demonstration of that conviction.

Yours faithfully,
ANN WIDDECOMBE,
House of Commons.
June 15.

From Sir Fergus Montgomery and others

Sir, As Conservative MPs who retired from Parliament at the last election, we have seen a number of party leaders selected.

There has never been a more important time than now to make the right choice. The party must elect a new leader around whom the whole party can unite, who can bring in fresh ideas and new activists, and who can state our policies in a clear way which commands public support.

To achieve that, we believe the party must elect William Hague.

Yours faithfully,
FERGUS MONTGOMERY,
JACK ASPINWALL,
KENNETH CARLISLE,
JOHN HANNAM,
STEVE NORRIS,
WYN ROBERTS,
JAMES SPICER,
NEVILLE TROTTER,
6 Groby Place, Altrincham, Cheshire.
June 14.

From Mrs Julian Sandys

Sir, Is integrity, once a proud British hallmark, now considered optional for a Conservative Party leader? First Mr Hague reneges on an agreement with Mr Howard (report, May 7). Then Messrs Howard and Lilley act despicably over an earlier agreement with Mr Redwood (report, June 11). Now this questionable trio have united in order to achieve the apparently desirable aim of keeping out either of the other two candidates in the interests of party unity.

Yet those other two candidates, Mr Clarke and Mr Redwood, are the only ones who have shown themselves to be completely straightforward in the debacle since the recent election. Thankfully, they are still standing.

Though my own preference is for a right-wing candidate (in this case, Mr Redwood), I'd rather choose an honest left-winger than be asked to trust anyone whose "word" is suspect before they even begin. I find the scheming of the trio distasteful, the "stop Clarke" campaign unworthy, and the judgment of Mr Redwood as "unelectable" no different to that given against Mrs Thatcher at a similar time in her life.

Yours faithfully,
ELISABETH SANDYS,
Charnwood, Shackerford, Godalming, Surrey.
June 13.

From Mrs Pamela Morgan

Sir, Why doesn't the Conservative Party wait for Chris Patten to come back from Hong Kong, find him a seat and then elect him as leader? He has all the qualities of leadership and he has not been swayed by the last few years of Tory government.

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA MORGAN,
9 Winterstoke Gardens,
Mill Hill, NW7.
June 12.

From Dr Erich Steiner

Sir, Offering drinks to potential voters (letters, June 11 and 12) is bribery.

Sincerely,
ERICH STEINER,
Primrose Cottage,
Mill Road, Exeter, Devon.
June 12.

The law and release of sex offenders

From the Chief Executive of Nacro

Sir, Police concerns about the threat posed by a paedophile released to the Merseyside area (report, June 9) illustrate an important gap in the law. The offender concerned has served a lengthy prison sentence for a sexual offence, but is not subject to compulsory post-release supervision.

This is because he was sentenced before the Criminal Justice Act 1991, when offenders who did not receive parole were released without supervision — and inevitably the most dangerous offenders are the least likely to get parole. While those sentenced since the 1991 Act receive post-release supervision, these periods are often relatively short.

Legislation is urgently needed to introduce extended supervision for sex offenders on release from prison. Post-release supervision can include conditions, for example requiring the offender to live in a specified place and to take part in a treatment programme. Breach of conditions or failure to co-operate with supervision can result in recall to custody.

The last Government's Crime (Sentences) Act contained provision for such extended supervision. However, the drafting of the legislation makes it impossible to implement this particular measure without simultaneously implementing sweeping and controversial provisions which would severely restrict parole and early-release sentences for all offenders.

A short Bill limited to the extended supervision of released sex offenders would receive all-party support and could reach the statute book in a matter of weeks.

Yours faithfully,
HELEN EDWARDS,
Chief Executive, Nacro
(National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders),
169 Clapham Road, SW9.
June 9.

From the General Secretary of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation

Sir, In the face of what increasingly appears to be a campaign to introduce

a policy of community notification on the whereabouts of sex offenders, a word of warning must be uttered.

Neither community notification (or "Megan's Law", as it is sometimes known) nor a register of sex offenders can be the panacea that brings greater protection to our children.

Community notification is unproven in practice and flawed in concept, since the prescribed geographical boundaries may be unobserved by offenders. It will also actively militate against the properly managed supervision and monitoring of offenders who have been convicted of sex offences against children by driving them underground.

It is doubtful whether the sex-offenders register could ever become the protective shield that many believe it might be, although it may have some limited worth. Only a fraction of offenders are ever successfully detected, convicted or appropriately sentenced.

Those who eventually reach the register will be massively outweighed by those who appear as normal citizens to all but their terrified young victims. A register is a recipe for disappointment as it will never live up to the grand promises it is being sold on.

Real public protection requires several levels of action. Improved detection and prosecution to conviction have a huge and largely forgotten role in protecting children, while custodial sentences must pivot on treatment and risk assessment.

At release — the stage that most worries the public — professional supervision is the only proven way to reduce reoffending whilst still remaining alert to the risk of another crime being committed.

This process needs to be extended and endowed with the proper powers to ensure swift recall to prison when necessary.

Yours sincerely,
MARY HONEYBALL,
General Secretary,
Association of Chief Officers of Probation,
212 Whitechapel Road, E1.
June 11.

University museums

From the Chairman of the Museums & Galleries Commission

Sir, Over the past few weeks, the Museums & Galleries Commission and the North of England Museums Service have been in discussion with the University of Newcastle over the future of the Hatton Gallery (letter, June 5).

The MGC had urged the university to announce a period of grace in which alternative funding could be sought. We are naturally delighted that, through the prompt generosity of Dame Catherine Cookson (report, June 11), the immediate future of the gallery seems to have been secured.

This incident highlights not only the vital role that benefactors continue to play in the support of our heritage, but also the parlous state of many university museums. The Hatton is but one of a number of museums and collections of distinction currently facing severe financial pressures which, as the Hatton nearly demonstrated, can all too easily prove fatal.

I hope that the current Dearing review into the funding of higher education will articulate the case for university museums and thereby provide the Government with an opportunity to put their support on a proper footing at last. Ministers should work together to seize this opportunity.

Yours faithfully,
SHIRLEY A. BARNES (Director),
Relate (Central Middlesex),
Civic Centre Complex,
Station Road, Harrow, Middlesex.
June 12.

Fish-eating birds

From the Directors of The Atlantic Salmon Trust and of The Salmon & Trout Association

Sir, The growing scale of damage caused inland by cormorants and other fish-eating birds (letters, June 10) is well established. Although the habitat of the European cormorant may no longer enjoy special conservation status (report and leading article, June 5), the bird itself remains firmly protected under EU law, just like its British cousin.

Effective and acceptable measures to reduce the damage to freshwater fish stocks are urgently needed. We represent but two of the concerned organisations who have welcomed the Government's current study of the problem, in the interests of responsible management. We trust that it will lead to early action in Europe and in the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MACKENZIE
(Director, The Atlantic Salmon Trust),
CHRIS POUPARD
(Director, The Salmon & Trout Association),
The Atlantic Salmon Trust,
Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire.
June 11.

Eclipse of Russia

From Mr J. Enoch Powell

Sir, It is a long time since you published anything so far-sighted as the article by Lord Rees-Mogg on the absence of Russia from European affairs ("The Russian tiger is ready to roar", June 9).

Russia is Britain's natural ally and a strong Russia makes for a strong Britain; but we are separated from them by a tumultuous continent. I hope we have not been so far influenced by American opinion as to abandon the natural balance of power in Europe which France and Germany are trying to destroy.

Yours faithfully,
J. ENOCH POWELL
33 South Eaton Place, SW1.
June 10.

Bad sport

From Mr Philip Prior

Sir, Magnus Linklater, in "Bowling the Scots a googly" (June 12), expresses his frustration at the reluctance of BBC Scotland to show the final overs of the Edgbaston Test. Dare I suggest that if England had been losing it might have been a very different matter.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 14: Her Majesty was present at the Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade this morning. The Queen was accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh (Colonel, Grenadier Guards), The Duke of Kent (Colonel, Royal Guards), The Prince of Wales (Colonel, Welsh Guards) and The Grand Duke of Luxembourg (Colonel, Irish Guards).

Her Majesty was attended by Major General the Lord Michael Fuzian Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards, Gold Stick in Waiting, General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (Colonel, The Blues and Royals, Lieutenant General the Hon Sir William Rous Colonel, Coldstream Guards) and Major General Ian Mackay-Dick (Major General, Coldstream Guards Division).

The Lord Somersby (Master of the Horse), Lieutenant Colonel Seymour Gilbert-Denham (Crown Equerry), Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Ross, Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Mather (Mounted Equerries in Waiting, Captain Charles Winter (Draughtsman Equerries in Waiting and Colonel Peter Rogers (The Blues and Royals, Silver Stick in Waiting) were in attendance.

Colonel Paul Belcher (Chief of Staff), the Silver Stick Adjutant, Regimental Adjutants of Foot Guards and the Household Division Staff were present.

On Parade, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel John Stewart, Scots Guards (Field Officer in Brigade Waiting), received The Queen with a Royal Salute.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince Edward, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Prince of Wales, Princess Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra, The Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and other Members of the Royal Family drove to Horse Guards Parade and witnessed The Queen's Birthday Parade.

The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg was also present.

On the conclusion of the Parade, The Queen and the Guards marched back to Buckingham Palace at the head of The Queen's Guard, preceded by the Massed Mounted Bands of the Household Cavalry, the Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, under the command of Captain Giles Howson, The Life Guards, and the Massed Bands of the Guards Division.

On arrival at Buckingham Palace, The Queen's Guard entered the Forecourt and formed up opposite the Old Guard, the remaining Guards marching past Her Majesty. The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery and the Household Cavalry ranked past The Queen.

Her Majesty, from Buckingham Palace, paid a 40-page salute to Lord G. V. C. H. Harris, Jaggers, Tristam, Tornado, F3 Sentry and Nimrod aircraft, and the Red Arrows of the Royal Air Force, led by Wing Commander Peter Rycroft, to mark the official celebration of The Queen's Birthday.

Royal Salutes were fired today by

The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery in Green Park, under the command of Major Keith Brooks, and from the Tower of London Saluting Battery by the Honourable Artillery Company, under the command of Captain Bernard Baldwin.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present at this event at a Gala Dinner at Drumont Golf Club, Leuchars, during the Drumont International held in aid of the Society.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Fife (the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine KT).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 15: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Twelfth Man, Lord's Taverners, this afternoon attended a Patron's versus President's Charity Cricket Match at the Home Park Cricket Ground.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs Christian Adams as Lady in Waiting The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 15: The Prince Edward this afternoon attended the Dorchester Trophy at the Guards Polo Club, Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 15: The Duchess of Gloucester, Vice Patron, The Queen's Club, today presented the prizes at the Men's Singles Final of the Stella Artois Tennis Court Championships at The Queen's Club, Pavilions Road, London W4.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 15: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, this morning attended the Cricket Match between North and Yorkshire at the Oval, London SE11.

THE HON MRS RALPH COWDY

A memorial Mass will be celeb-

rated for the Hon Mrs Ralph Cowdy, nee Haidee Rawlinson, at Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, London SW7, at 4pm on Thursday, June 19.

A reception will be held afterwards in St Joseph's Hall, the Oratory House.

Orley Farm School

Old Boys' Day at Orley Farm School will be held on Sunday, July 6. RSVP: Headmaster's Office or call 0181-422 1525.

A year on, Manchester remembers IRA bomb

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MORE than a thousand people packed Manchester Cathedral yesterday for a service to mark the anniversary of the biggest terrorist bombing in Britain.

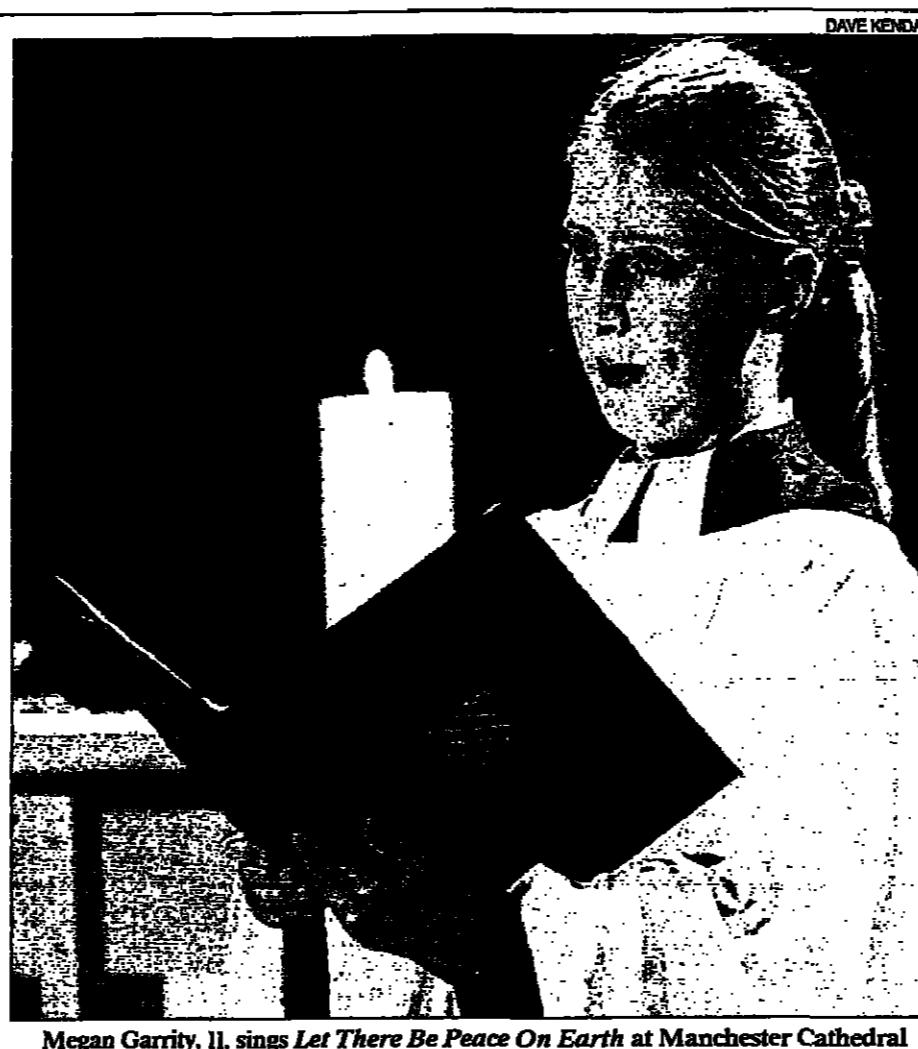
Victims joined members of the emergency services and civic leaders in giving thanks that no one died in the blast that left more than 200 people injured and caused £500 million of damage.

Megan Garrity, an 11-year-old chorister, sang *Let There Be Peace On Earth*. She had sung the hymn in a cathedral service only a week after the bombing.

The congregation heard leaders of the city's emergency services speak of the devastation left by the one-ton bomb. Chief Superintendent Peter Harris, police commander in the city centre, spoke of the "great personal risk" run by his officers as they evacuated 80,000 shoppers after the coded warning.

He said: "The officers were in close proximity to the bomb-carrying vehicle for a prolonged period. They acted in the very highest traditions of the service and undoubtedly helped save lives."

Clive Heather, ambulance service operational manager, said: "Many still bear the psychological and physical



Megan Garrity, 11, sings *Let There Be Peace On Earth* at Manchester Cathedral

scars of that day, but it is remarkable that there was no loss of life."

The Very Rev Kenneth Riley, the Dean of Manchester, said: "There is a saying that God sometimes allows us magnificent opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems."

"That has been something

of the Manchester experience over the last year, as we have tried to play our part in the age-old human story of the constant struggle to keep hope alive, to bring good out of evil, and new life out of the ashes of destruction."

A tree was planted in the cathedral grounds during the service as a symbol of the

city's regeneration. More than £400 million of private sector and public money is being ploughed into the redevelopment after 700 buildings were damaged.

A stone of thanksgiving was unveiled in the cathedral and plans for the redesigned city centre were symbolically placed on the altar.

Clare College, Cambridge, 70; Sir John Peel, former MP, 85; Lord Perry of Walton, FRS, 76; Mr Enoch Powell, former MP, 85; Lord Richardson, 87; Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, Rolls-Royce, 65; Robert St John Wright, chairman, London Philharmonic, 47; Professor Erich Segal, classicist and writer, 60; Sir Nick Wicks, civil servant, 57; Mr Simon Williams, actor, 51; Sir David Wright, diplomat, 53.

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DAME MONICA GOLDING

Dame Monica Golding DBE, RRC, former Matron-in-Chief of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC), died on June 6 aged 94. She was born on August 6, 1902.

Monica Golding was a "lady with the lamp" who for four decades nursed British soldiers and their families throughout the world, or directed those who did so. She served in India under the Raj, in France before Dunkirk, in Egypt at the time of El Alamein and in troopships plying between Britain and the Far East.

She was matron of the casualty clearing station attached to the British Expeditionary Force as the Army grimly retreated to Dunkirk — an experience which she graphically recalled many years later.

"The hospital," she wrote, "consisted of a derelict house with a yard and stable, in the main street of a French village. A long narrow room off the street contained eight surgical beds, while tiny rooms leading off it had two beds for officers. The kitchen at the rear was our operating theatre, a tent outside it served as the sterilising room while the stable was turned into our dispensary. Army engineers laid on water from the village pump and even made us an excellent lamp — with the help of petrol cans and some spare lightbulbs."

Acute cases were taken to the nearby village hall, whose dressing room was used for treating those with throat injuries. Three large marquees in fields at the back were for the walking wounded.

"We had an emergency case on our first night — a soldier with a perforated gastric ulcer. He survived," wrote the young matron — then only 38 — who was eventually evacuated via Boulogne.

In February 1948 she was feted as she sailed home from Bombay — the last army nurse to leave India after Independence. Yet her family had been taken aback 20 years earlier when their only daughter, having just qualified as a nurse, announced her intention of joining the Army's nursing service.



She had been born Cecile Monica Johnson at Chiswick, West London, into a devout — not to say strict — Christian household. The Johnsons later moved and she went to Croydon secondary school before being accepted as a nursing trainee at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford.

It was on leaving there that she joined what was then called the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (its present title dates from 1949).

Anxious to enlarge her nursing skills, she secured a place at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, for special training in midwifery, then another at Queen Victoria's Institute of District Nursing. She had been born Cecile Monica Johnson at Chiswick, West London, into a devout — not to say strict — Christian household. The Johnsons later moved and she went to Croydon secondary school before being accepted as a nursing trainee at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford.

Shortly after returning with the BEF from France in 1940 she was posted to the Middle East for three years, serving mainly at the 63rd General Hospital in Egypt.

Wartime life in Egypt had its compensations, such as the Christmas dinner in 1942 which consisted of "Tomato soup, salmon paté, roast turkey, plum pudding, mince pies, dessert, wine and coffee"; in the following year, however, she returned to Britain to take over as principal matron in Southern Command.

Monica Johnson was back in India and South-East Asia between 1946 and 1948, then was in Singapore 1952-55. She

before going out to India for five years in 1929.

After a brief spell in charge of nursing in Eastern Command, she was made Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services in 1956.

Among her achievements, before she retired with the rank of brigadier in 1960, was the introduction of administrative officers to the corps — thus freeing the nursing officers to spend more time on their clinical responsibilities. She also held the title of honorary nursing sister to the Queen during her years at the top, and was appointed a Sister of the Order of St John.

Dame Monica (she was appointed DBE in 1958) celebrated her retirement from active nursing by getting married — to a widower, Brigadier the Rev Harry Golding. They had first met in 1938 on board a troop ship when Golding — an officer in the Royal Army Pay Corps — was returning from Singapore with his first wife and two daughters. She became a close friend of the family and Harry Golding (who took Holy Orders on leaving the Army) married her in 1961.

He once said that he would have proposed to her before.

But he felt that she would climb to the top of her profession and he did not want to get in her way.

In 1961, the same year in which she was married, Monica Golding was also made colonel commandant of the QARANC, and she and her new husband travelled round the world together in her new role, from their home in Bournemouth.

He died in 1969, however,

and Dame Monica lived on her own until 1991 when she moved into the National Retired Nurses Home at Bournemouth — whose house committee she had chaired for some years.

Monica Golding was a matron of the old school who insisted on high professional and moral standards. She

simply knew what was right — and did it. But at the same time she was kindly and warm-hearted and cared for the careers and welfare of her nurses.

A deeply committed Christian, a legacy from her upbringing, she explained her life's motivating principle as "God's guidance throughout".

She was fond of all animals,

especially cats, and fed the birds every morning from her window. She also loved motor-ing and was driving until her late 80s when, after an accident, she was finally persuaded that she should start using a taxi. She had been largely immobilised, however, since breaking a hip six months ago.

Among her most treasured possessions was a signed photograph of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, whom she had met several times and greatly admired.

Dame Monica Golding's only brother died some years ago; she is survived by her two stepdaughters.

BULAT OKUDZHAVA

Bulat Okudzhava, poet, writer and singer, died in Paris on June 12 aged 73. He was born in Moscow on May 9, 1924.

IN THE late 1960s and 1970s, as the dead hand of Brezhnevism tightened its grip on arts and culture in the Soviet Union, the songs of Bulat Okudzhava gave millions of people a rare opportunity to escape from the dreary realities of life during what later became known as the era of stagnation.

While never quite a dissident, Okudzhava distanced himself from the accepted values of his day. His songs, with a simple guitar accompaniment, upheld love and personal emotions, rather than glorifying collective achievement, and put nostalgia for old streets before building socialism.

The innocent themes of his songs ensured that he was never in trouble with the authorities, despite becoming something of a cult figure among liberals who read hidden messages in his lyrics, even when they dealt with such mundane matters as taking the last trolleybus home. In a period of such enforced conformity, any sign of individuality could be interpreted as protest.

But his appeal went beyond the liberal intellectual circle — it spanned generations and classes to spread to millions of people across the country. Almost any Russian over the age of 40 can quote from an Okudzhava song today, as could many born long after his heyday, such was their enduring quality.

The dissident image was reinforced by Okudzhava's historical novels, set in 19th-century Russia and dealing with the hunting down of revolutionaries and dissident writers by ruthless agents of the tsarist secret police. While the parallels with Soviet practice would seem to have been obvious, they were ignored by the authorities and Okudzhava remained undisturbed.

He was born in Moscow to a Georgian father and Armenian mother. His father, a Communist Party functionary, was shot in 1937 at the height of the Stalin purges. His mother was arrested the same year and spent the next ten years in labour camps.



Aged 14 when his parents were taken away, Okudzhava was just too young to be implicated himself.

He was brought up by relatives and went to Tbilisi University in Georgia to study linguistics. In 1942 he abandoned his studies to volunteer to fight the Germans and was wounded.

After the war he became a teacher at an agricultural college, then worked as a journalist before becoming poetry editor for the weekly *Literary Gazette* in 1956, at the dawn of the brief period of political liberalisation under Nikita Khrushchev. He left the paper in 1964 to devote his time to writing and performing his songs.

By the 1980s he had become an established figure among Russia's literary elite and in 1994 he was awarded the Russian version of the Booker Prize for his novel *The Closed-Down Theatre*, a semi-autobiographical work exploring the psychology of totalitarianism and how intelligent and decent people became drawn

into and corrupted by the system.

He continued to write and give poetry readings until the end of his life, although troubled increasingly by heart problems. Sickness prevented him from collecting his prize personally in 1994 and he underwent heart surgery in the United States.

He continued to travel abroad and was on a private two-week visit to France this month when he was suddenly taken ill and admitted to the Hôpital d'Instruction des Armées in the Paris suburb of Clamart, where he died some hours later, apparently after complications arising from pneumonia and kidney failure.

His wife Olga, however, who survives him and who was with him in Paris, preferred to see his death as a result of his loneliness in a foreign country, unable to understand the language, away from people he knew.

"At the end, all he wanted was to be allowed to die in Moscow," she said.

JACQUES CANETTI

Jacques Canetti, record producer, died in Suresnes, Hauts-de-Seine, on June 7 aged 88.

He was born in Roushchouk, Bulgaria, on May 30, 1909.

A SMALL ad, placed by the Polydor company in *Paris Soir* in 1931, stating simply "Sought, young man who likes music", marked the start of Jacques Canetti's long career in the French record business. A highly educated man who was the brother of Elias Canetti, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Jacques Canetti discovered or promoted many of the most famous prewar and postwar singers in a country where the saying has it that life begins and ends avec une chanson.

His pool of talent included such stars as Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet, Jacques Brel, Georges Brassens, Juliette Greco, Serge Gainsbourg and Guy Béart. He was the first record company executive to persuade leading actors and actresses — including Serge Reggiani, Simone Signoret and Jeanne Moreau — to turn their talents to singing.

He was active in the record business until the end of his life, although he had difficulties adapting to the singing styles that began appearing in France in the 1970s. The old romantic stars continued to sell records and fill music-halls and theatres, but the new generation, led by the local

rock'n'roll phenomenon Johnny Hallyday, began to take over in the charts.

Canetti was born into a comfortable family of Jewish traders. When they left Bulgaria, the brothers went in separate directions. Elias to Vienna, Jacques to Paris, where he studied at the leading Paris business school, Hautes Etudes Commerciales.

At Polydor, his first success was to persuade Marlene Dietrich, on one of her shopping trips to Paris, to record in French. However, at the outset, he was not a popular song specialist, being noted rather for producing recordings of Ravel and Alban Berg.

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mainly until 1962, and his founding of the Théâtre des Trois Baudets in Pigalle. The stage there became the launching pad for Brel, Gainsbourg, Greco and the singing poet Georges Brassens.

Canetti liked to boast that Philips was able to build a new record factory on the strength of its profits from a decade of Brassens. For Brassens and others of that postwar period, the words of a song were as important as the melody. Even though the theatre was in the red light district, the mood was Left Bank.

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Appointments in the Forces

ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES
CAPTAIN: JH Lawrence - MOD London 15.7.97; ND Savage - SACANT USA 5.12.97; I Thorpe - Turner SA BSN 12.9.97.

COMMANDER: J Donaldson - Cambridge in Cmd 21.10.97; CF Douglas - RNAS Culdrose 28.11.97; DR Herman - Staff of FORM NMA Portsmouth 6.1.98; CL Palmer - NMA Portsmouth 31.10.97; MAJOR: A Salmon - MOD London 3.10.97.

CHAPLAIN: RD Baxendale - FOST Devonport 31.10.97; MJ Hartman - Illustrius 6.1.97.

MAJOR: MJ Pearson 29.7.97; LOCAL LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: JP Weller 12.9.97; COMMANDER: RLP Jones 29.8.97; CHAPLAIN: JK Watson 20.8.97.

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AIR COMMODORE: J Weeden to be Director of RAF Legal Services, in the rank of air vice-marshal, in succession to Air-Vice-Marshal GW Hopton 19.6.97.

WING COMMANDER: RW Tizard - RAF Ogham 28.5.97; AJ Pinner - RAF Chicksands 16.6.97; P Robert - RAF Northolt VA 9.6.97; CR Dickens - HQ AIRCENT HQLIC 9.6.97; AN - Mawson - HQLC 9.6.97.

EDWARD BISHOP, painter, died on June 7 aged 94. He was born on November 11, 1902.

EDWARD BISHOP was a prolific painter who played a prominent role in the bohemian British art world of the postwar years. He was chairman of the Chelsea Arts Club, president of the London Sketch Club, and the first keeper of the New English Art Club. During the war he had worked at the Ministry of Information designing propaganda material. Over the past five and a half decades more than 80 of his paintings have been exhibited at Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions.

Edward Bishop was the son of a carpenter and the youngest of eight children. His mother was a dressmaker. He left elementary school at 14, in the middle of First World War, to work with Stoll Theatres in the West End. There his outdoor was transformed by hearing classical music for the first time and seeing the Diaghilev ballets, featuring Nijinsky.

As a result of this artistic awakening, he approached the Central School of Arts and Crafts and asked to be taught to draw. A year later he won a scholarship to the life class, and he was soon designing posters for Stoll Theatres. Meanwhile, at the Central, he was training under Bernard Meninsky, F. W. Jackson and Noel Roche.

It was during these years that he became a keen photographer, winning one of the first open competitions for an advertising campaign, for Unilever, and was asked to join the advertising agency Lintas, which had the Unilever account. He remained there until 1936, when he moved to the S.H. Benson agency, where he worked on campaigns for clients such as Kodak and Austin cars.

Having suffered from rheumatic fever as a child, he was unfit for active service in the war, but in 1941 he joined the Ministry of Information, where he was involved in designing propaganda.

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During one night of the Blitz he lost his mother, his sister and one of his brothers. His flat in Fetter Lane was also destroyed, along with all of his completed paintings.

Bishop had shown his first picture at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition in 1941. But it was during the 1950s — a vibrant time for British art — that he really became active as an artist. He was elected to the Royal Society of British Artists

and made president of the London Sketch Club.

A series of his paintings captured the atmosphere in the famous Studio Club in Swallow Street, Piccadilly. His other canvases from this period included night scenes of London, many paintings of the Thames, and works on the theme of loneliness, whether in the city or in a desolate farmhouse — a subject to which he frequently returned in the course of his career.

In the late 1950s he designed a number of covers for *The Listener*. In 1958 he helped to organise the art auction for the Treason Defence Fund, which had been established to help the accused, including Nelson Mandela, in the South African treason trials.

In 1960 he was made a member of the New English Art Club; he was later appointed its first keeper, post he held until 1990. He also served as chairman of the Chelsea Arts Club in 1965 and 1966, in which capacity he lobbied for the admission of women, and helped to arrange gala evenings in honour of distinguished women, including Dame Eva Turner, Joyce Grenfell and Elisabeth Frink.

He continued painting into his eighties, as well as encouraging other artists, and has a picture in the current Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

His wife, the Naïve painter Celeste Radloff, predeceased him. He is survived by one son.

Nature notes

PIED wagtails are chasing flies for their young on garden lawns, often leaping into the air to catch one flying above their head. In some families, the young are already out of the nest and begging on the lawn: they are noticeably browner than their smart black and white parents.

Spotted flycatchers have nests behind drainpipes or in Virginia creeper on the walls of houses: the male and female share the task of incubation, and sit tight, peering over the edge of the nest, as people go in and out of the house.

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NEWS

Blair tries to defuse summit row

■ The Prime Minister intervened to act as a peace broker in the jobs dispute between France and Germany last night as the issue threatened to disrupt the Amsterdam summit on the future of Europe.

As EU finance ministers met to draw up a new jobs package, Tony Blair went straight into talks with Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister who is the summit host, and Lionel Jospin, the new Socialist French Prime Minister. Page 1

Naomi Campbell in drug scare

■ Naomi Campbell, the British supermodel, was taken into intensive care in a Canary Islands hospital after taking what medical staff described as an overdose of sedatives. She was expected to leave hospital later. Her lawyer said she had suffered an "allergic reaction to antibiotics". Pages 1, 3

Prince's windfall

The Prince of Wales is poised to secure millions of pounds from the Government's proposed windfall tax to fund a scheme that will give work to 25,000 unemployed young people. But he was criticised by teachers. Pages 1, 6

Beach huts burned

After recovering from the great fish and chip scandal, the residents of Frinton-on-Sea have been hit by a vandal burning down beach huts. Page 10

Saudi deadline

The trial of two British nurses accused of murdering an Australian colleague in Saudi Arabia took another twist. Judges gave the victim's brother a week to prove he had the right to demand the death penalty. Page 3

Millennium crisis

The City of London is about to withdraw its promise of £12 million to the troubled Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich as the Cabinet decides whether to pull the plug on the show. Page 5

Lure for fish

Fishermen are reporting early sightings of basking sharks, leatherback turtles and other exotic fish as the seas around Britain become warmer. Page 5

Mussolini funeral

The Fascist salute returned to Rome when hundreds of Black-shirts formed a guard of honour at the funeral of Vittorio Mussolini, second son of Benito. Page 14

Secret executions at the Tower

■ Not far from where the Crown Jewels now sit in the Tower of London, eleven people were shot at dawn in the First World War, and one in the last one, for spying for Germany. Their full story had never been disclosed, but now the details of the executions, the first at the Tower for about 150 years, have been uncovered and appear in a new book. Page 7



Police in Humen, southern China, stand guard as heroin is burned during celebrations leading up to Britain's handover of Hong Kong

BUSINESS

Norwich Union: Applications for new shares in the insurance group, which converts from a mutual insurer to a quoted company this morning, have been scaled down after the issue was heavily oversubscribed, ensuring instant profits. Page 48

Self-assessment: So many people are expected to fail to send in their tax forms on time that tax experts expect the Inland Revenue to profit by as much as £150 million from fines. Page 48

Top women: The number of women in top management has grown by 60 per cent in four years and is still rising fast. There is still a shrinking pay gap, but top women managers tend to be younger than their male rivals. Page 19

Gulf attack

A Congressional report on Gulf War Syndrome will criticise the Pentagon and White House for failing to recognise links between chemical weapons and illnesses. Page 14

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Door to power

The door at 70 Whitehall guards the entrance to the engine of the Government machine. Page 8

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ARTS

Melvyn Bragg: "It is now, when TV is up there, when it is still a success, that is the best time to strike it now." Page 18

Happy birthday: The Aldeburgh Festival celebrates its fifth anniversary with a double bill of new operas by Mark-Anthony Turnage. Page 18

Going solo: Thousands gather at a small venue in north London to see Jon Bon Jovi make his official debut as a solo performer. Page 19

Visiting songbird: The French-Canadian megastar Celine Dion has her road show to Dublin, but there are few surprises on offer. Page 19

Adieu Jacques: Noel Harrison pays tribute to Jacques Brel in a one-man show. Page 19

FEATURES

Faeroes to Finisterre: Bill Frost reveals the secrets of the radio shipping forecast, that soothing broadcast intended for mariners but loved by landlubbers. Page 16

For sale: New England mansion designed for the boxer Mike Tyson. The property offers 20 bedrooms, 24 bathrooms, seven kitchens, a cinema, discotheque, Olympic swimming pool, heated driveway ... \$22 million. Page 17

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Mouse marvel: Scientists in Japan have transferred human genes into mice. Their success could benefit transplant surgery. Page 15

End in sight: Nigel Hawkes on why hormones can cause progressive blindness. Page 15

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■ FOCUS
The University of Surrey is combining academic excellence with economic success

■ ARTS
Birthday treat: Yehudi Menuhin's Live Music Now! celebrates its 20th anniversary

SPORT

Cricket: The England selectors announced an unchanged squad of 13 for the second Test match which starts at Lord's on Thursday. They may, however, tinker with the bowling line-up. Page 28

Tennis: Mark Philippoussis won the battle of the big servers when he beat Goran Ivanisevic to take the Stella Artois title. Page 26

Rugby union: Kyran Bracken was tracked down to his holiday hotel in Tobago and summoned to replace the injured scrum half, Robert Howley on the British Lions tour in South Africa. Page 34

Football: Paul Ince has agreed to join Liverpool from Internazionale Milan on a four-year contract worth £5 million. Page 27

Equestrianism: Andrew Hoy became the first Australian to win the Bramham international horse trials after leading from the start on Swizzle In. Page 38

Racing: Gary Stevens, the leading jockey from the United States, is looking forward to Royal Ascot action during his ten-day visit to Europe. He just failed to land the American triple crown on Super Charm. Page 36

LOTTERY NUMBERS

10, 8, 16, 43, 44, 3. Bonus: 34. Three ticket holders won more than £4.5 million each; 21 matched five balls plus the bonus to win £127,187 each; 976 won £1,710 with five balls, and 61,673 with four balls get £59. More than 1,235,000 won £10 for three. *Bild am Sonntag*

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Preview: Star Trek becomes a specialist subject in *Mastermind* (BBC1, 7.30). Review: Matthew Bond catches up. Page 47

OPINION

New start for housing

Green lobbies too easily characterise the changing pattern of Britain's households as a threat. With the right mix of radical policies, it could become an opportunity. Page 21

Asia on-line

This is the real Asian challenge — high skills not low salaries — and Europe needs to appreciate it. New Silicon Valleys, not the stereotypical sweatshops, are its form. Page 21

Leave the car behind

Parents should ask: "Is my journey really necessary?" Page 21

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

America, a society with ever-rising standards of technology, is failing to educate about half its high school students to the minimum level which the new technology requires. Page 20

PETER RIDDELL

The Conservative leadership election itself is likely to resolve little. It never could, because the Tories' problem is not the identity of their leader. Page 20

ADRIAN ZUCKERMAN

The risk of incurring ruinous costs can deter even a rich person from litigating. Page 20

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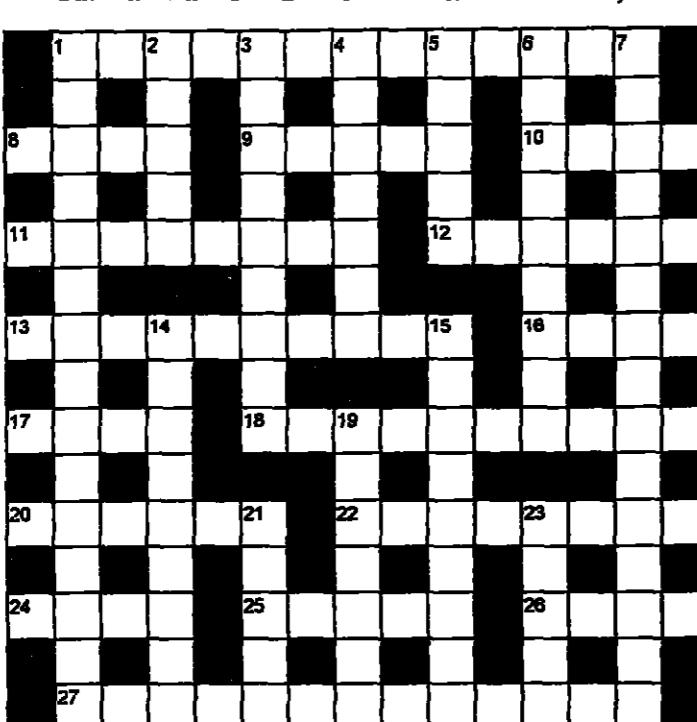
LETTERS

Tory leadership; release of sex offenders; antiquarian books; university museums; Russia; Women's work; fish-eating birds. Page 21

THE PAPERS

Even if Chancellor Kohl manages to present the Amsterdam summit as a success, it will be impossible to escape two conclusions gleaned since the French election. First: Europe has yet to face the biggest storms and upsets on the road to the euro. And second: Germany has not prepared itself for this turbulence. *Bild am Sonntag*

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ACROSS

- Alarming sound of bell on record, note (13).
- Germanic tribesman's tough fibre (4).
- Long-legged winger appears to move centre forward (5).
- Two diamonds followed by five — East produces low club (4).
- Left a painting outside in the open air (8).
- Tie up snappy dog during visit (6).
- English speculator stirred up niece's high spirits (10).
- Positively save sack returned (4).
- Amphibian found river in thick mist (4).
- Charge for handling cargo in less serious times (10).
- Some fogey's erstwhile source of hot water (6).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,506 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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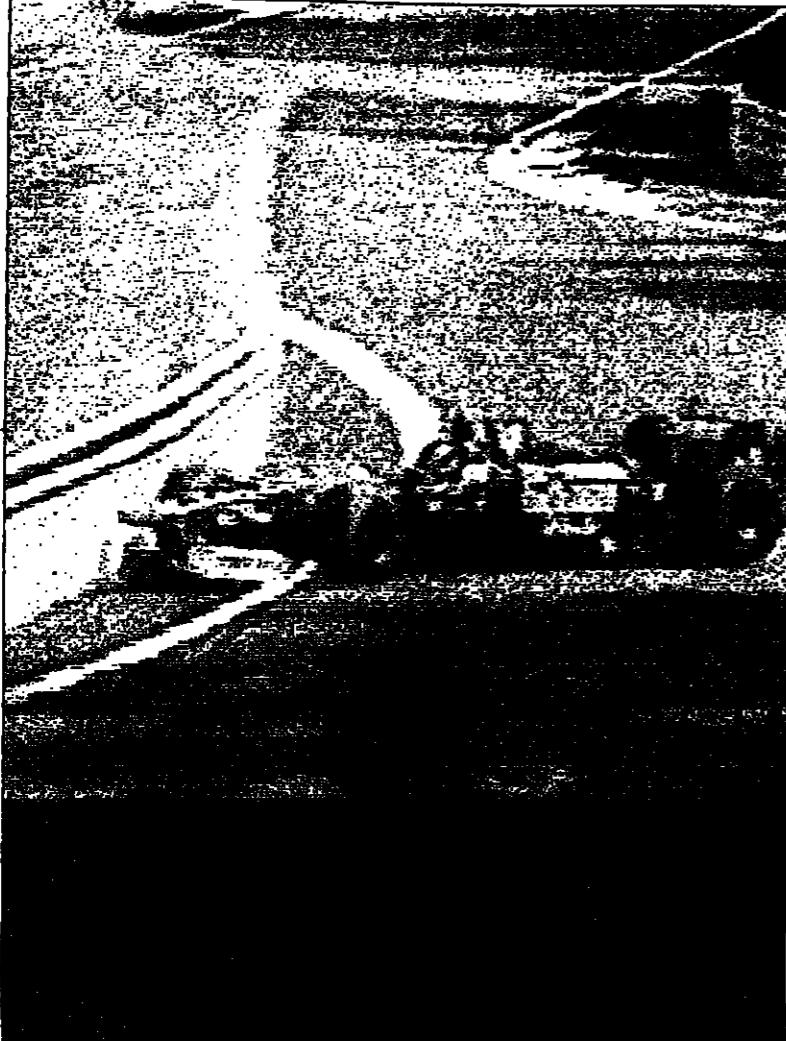
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TIMES SPORT

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CRASH HALTS CANADIAN GRAND PRIX AS TITLE LEAD IS REVERSED



Trail of destruction: Panis, travelling at 150mph, crashes into the wall, left, the impact sending his car spinning back on to the track, centre, before hurling into a bank of tyres. He escaped with a broken leg

Schumacher survives amid chaos

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN
IN MONTREAL

FORMULA One received a stark reminder of its inherent dangers yesterday, when a spectacular accident involving Olivier Panis cut short the Canadian Grand Prix here. Michael Schumacher's victory, the product of the fallibility of his principal rivals, was placed into appropriate perspective.

The sight of Panis being tended by doctors at the side of the track, after his Prost had slewed along a three-tier tyre wall at 150mph midway through lap No 52, ensured that Schumacher's seizure of the lead in the world drivers' championship from Jacques Villeneuve was of secondary importance.

Schumacher, like the nine other survivors of a race shaped by Villeneuve's momentary lack of concentration and the unfriendly misfortune of David Coulthard, was consumed by an immediate sense of concern for the stricken Frenchman, who was taken away in an ambulance after being hauled out of the wreckage of his car.

He remained grim-faced throughout the rituals of the podium, absent-mindedly lifting the winner's trophy to the heavens with one hand and eschewing the traditional champagne shower. First reports, which suggested that Panis had broken his right leg, came as a visible relief to all

those on the podium, who suggested their achievements had been soured by circumstance.

Jean Alesi finished second, with Giancarlo Fisichella being less than a second behind when the race, which ran for 56 of its 69 anticipated laps, finished with the cars circulating behind the safety car.

An inconsolable Coulthard was seventh, having seen clutch failure in the pits rob him of a 31-second lap lead, and almost certain victory.

Villeneuve was similarly distraught. The crushing anticlimax created by his brief

his image is everywhere, with shop windows carrying everything from life-sized cardboard cut-outs to photographs of his formative years in Formula Atlantic.

His late father, Gilles, has long since passed into the mythology of motor racing. The circuit which bears his name, framed by the St Lawrence Seaway, staged his 1978 Canadian Grand Prix victory, one of six wins that preceded

his death at Zolder in practice for the 1982 Belgian Grand Prix.

The mixture of hope and history represented by the Villeneuve family was responsible for the first 100,000 capacity crowd in the 30 years since the Canadian Grand Prix was inaugurated.

Villeneuve was outwardly impassive. He acknowledged his girlfriend and retreated into a contemplative world

that concealed emotions he could not contain.

He had never sought to hide the intensity of his motivation. He regarded the race yesterday, in which he was watched for the first time in Formula One by his mother, Joan, as the most important of his season. Once Michael Schumacher compounded the blow of stealing pole position by surging into the lead at the first corner, he tried too hard.

When the magnitude of his mistake became clear, he climbed out of the stricken car and beat out a tattoo of self-

loathing with his fists on his helmet.

"I made a big mistake," he acknowledged. "The track was very slippery but I just misjudged the corner and I didn't expect to go sideways. Obviously, it's a huge disappointment." That, equally obviously, was shared by the crowd. A groan went up from the main grandstand, where spectators had barely had time to digest the details of the

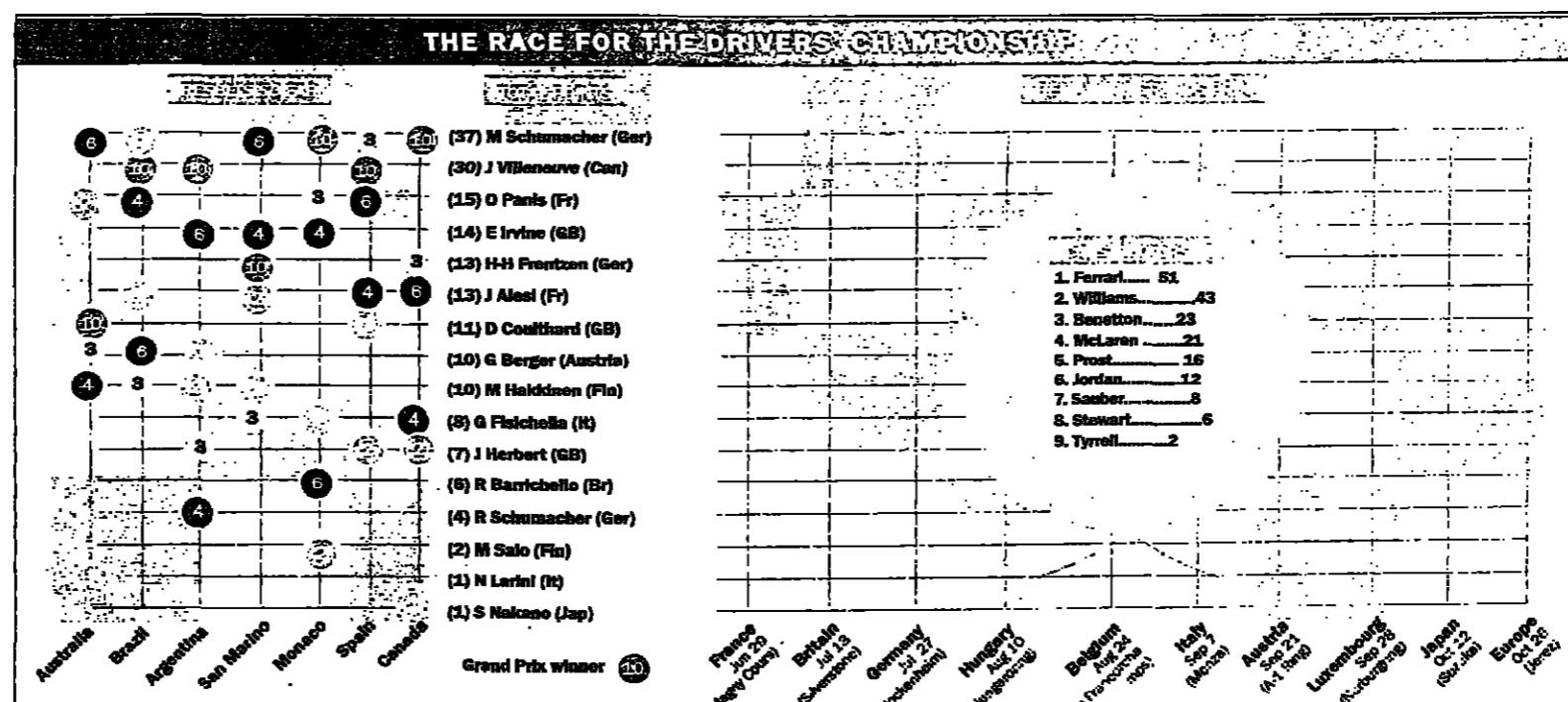
first-bend incident in which Eddie Irvine's Ferrari spun into retirement after being struck by a back wing, detached from Mika Hakkinen's McLaren.

Jan Magnussen's Stewart also failed to survive the scramble, which contrasted with the serenity of Schumacher's progress. That was hardly matched by his younger brother, Ralf, who quickly succumbed to all-too familiar impetuosity. He left his Jordan a smoking wreck at the start of lap 15, after a high-speed slide along the wall and into a tyre barrier at the first corner.

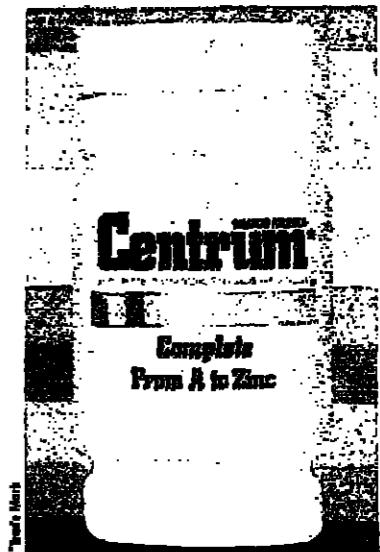
That was an uncanny augury for Panis's accident. The Frenchman, hit on the head by tyres as he ploughed down the wall, was fully conscious after the crash, and motioned a recalcitrant marshal to help him out of the wreckage.

Coulthard was just emerging from the pits at the time. He had seized the lead from Schumacher, because he had planned one stop fewer, and looked set for his second victory of the season. That disappeared when his clutch failed, but the frustration was tempered by the bigger issue of safety. As he said: "I'm very disappointed, but my main concern is for Olivier. The most important thing is that he's OK."

RESULTS (race stopped after 56 laps) 1 M. Schumacher (Ger. Ferrari), 2 J. Alesi (Fr. Benetton-BMW), 3 G. Fisichella (Jordan-Williams), 4 D. Coulthard (GB. McLaren-Peugeot), 5 J. Herbert (Sauber), 6 S. Nakajima (Jap. Mugen-Honda).



IT'S 100% ARE



Rusedski ensures that BBC makes net gains

One of the few pluses to stem from the BBC's slowly diminishing portfolio of sport is that the events that it still has receive the full red-carpet treatment. The corporation pretty much cleared its afternoon schedules for the Stella Artois tennis tournament from Queen's Club. Quite which schedules had been cleared, however, was never quite clear.

All week the action had swapped between BBC1 and BBC2, as the tennis negotiated its way round various immovable objects. Even the increasingly unflappable Sue Barker got confused. During a mid-week game shown on BBC2, she suddenly interrupted to remind us of the score and tell us that "our commentators are John Barrett and Bill Threlfall ..." There was a confused pause — we knew that "... on



MATTHEW BOND
TV ACTION REPLAY

In the commentary box for the brief and slightly overwhelming final yesterday were John Barrett, the BBC's chief tennis commentator, and Mark Cox, the expert summariser on form. On Saturday I thought he was outstanding as he and David Mercer commented on the wonderful match between Jonas Björkman and Mark Philippoussis.

Selecting his replays well (or having them well-chosen for him) he first explained in detail what it was that

Björkman was doing to allow him to return so well, and later showed what Philippoussis had done about it. It was a fine contribution, marred just a little during the final yesterday when he surely seemed somewhat naive about what Ivanisevic was up to when he handed his racket to a ball-girl. Gamesmanship or was it really a "lovely moment". Close call.

By contrast, Barrett and Threlfall, his customary commentary partner, are in danger of growing stale, relying

on a sort of Maskell-like, old-school familiarity to get them through. During Rusedski v Ivanisevic, Threlfall favoured humour and sweeping statements over technical analysis. Left-handers should be banned because they are too difficult to play against ... Ivanisevic will never win a grand-slam title because he enjoys life too much ... Rusedski considers himself very British. It's enjoyable, knockabout stuff, but it's not analysis.

There is no doubt, however, about to whom the BBC owes the biggest vote of thanks for enhancing its coverage — Rusedski. Time and again he got them out of trouble and if his semi-final caused *Grandstand* to overrun a little that was only fair. At least he had ensured that the programme had an audience and a pretty enthralled one at that.

On Friday he even got the BBC out of an embarrassing hole, when one of those irritating news bulletins interrupted his quarter-final against Pat Rafter. As we were forced to listen to the story about luminous mice for the tenth time that day, Rafter — a set up — broke Rusedski's serve to lead 4-3 in the second. When we finally got back to Queen's, it seemed to be all over — but it wasn't. Rusedski saved the BBC's blushes by breaking straight back, taking the second set and thoughtfully clinching the third with a full five minutes to spare ... before the next news bulletin.

With the second Test match Royal Ascot and tennis from Eastbourne all competing for airtime on Thursday and Friday, the BBC will need a miracle to get off so lightly again.

Graf gives strong hint on retirement

STEFFI GRAF is worried that chronic injuries could damage her long-term health and is considering retiring from tennis. Graf, who has accumulated 21 grand slam tournament titles during an unparalleled 15-year career, told the *Welt am Sonntag* newspaper that she was "completely open" on the possibility of retirement. "I am hopeful of the abilities of the physicians to enable me to continue playing, but I would have no problem ending my career," she said.

Graf, who recently had an operation on her left knee and is expected to be sidelined for six weeks, was also reported to be unhappy about medical advice that she received before returning to competition in May, after a three-month lay-off because of the injury. She failed to reach the last four at the French Open and has slipped from No 1 to No 3 in the world.

Real lose Capello

FOOTBALL: Real Madrid's celebrations after winning the Spanish championship on Saturday have been tainted by confirmation that Fabio Capello, their coach, is to leave. Goals from Raúl, Fernando Hierro and Predrag Mijatović assured Real of their 27th title as they beat Atlético Madrid, their neighbours and the champions last season, 3-1 at the Santiago Bernabéu stadium, but, after seeing his team's convincing win, Capello confirmed that he is to rejoin AC Milan to replace Arrigo Sacchi, the former Italy coach. Capello won four Italian championships at Milan before moving to Madrid last summer. Jupp Heynckes, the German coach of Tenerife, is likely to take over from Capello.

Boardman pulls out

CYCLING: Udo Bolts, of Germany, riding for Telekom, won the 49th Critérium du Dauphiné race yesterday after Abraham Olano, of Spain, the leader, suffered a spectacular fall during the seventh and final stage. Chris Boardman, right, pulled out of the event and is due to undergo tests on a stomach ailment before the Tour of Catalonia, which begins on Thursday.



Kafelnikov off the mark

TENNIS: Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, saved three match points against Petr Korda, from the Czech Republic, before winning his first title of the year at the Gerry Weber Open in Halle, Germany, yesterday. Kafelnikov, the No 1 seed and No 6 in the world, beat Korda 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 in the final, having fought his way back after being sidelined with a broken finger for three months.

Downing triumph

ROWING: Downing stayed Head of the River in the Cambridge University May Races. Jesus, who got to within fractions of an inch of them on Friday, closed to within one third of a length at the Railings, but were caught by Caius at the White House. Pembroke powered over in front of a seven-boat convoy in the women's division and were more than three lengths clear at the finish.

Little success

POWERBOATING: Even though Peter Little, of Oxford, finished as runner-up in the final race of a three-leg world two-litre offshore championship off Guernsey, he captured the title with a higher points total, having come second in the first race and having won the second. He followed Ulrik Ingvarsson, of Sweden, home on Saturday, finishing 2½ minutes behind.

De la Hoya's delight



BOXING: Oscar de la Hoya displayed impressive punching power in knocking out David Kamau, of Kenya, in the second round to retain his World Boxing Council welterweight title in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday. De la Hoya, right, knocked down Kamau early in the second round and put him down again almost on the bell to improve his perfect record to 25-0.

Jones seals Classic

GOLF: T. R. Jones, of the United States, made a birdie at the final hole to win the De Vere Hotels Seniors Classic at Belton Woods, Grantham, yesterday, beating Tommy Horton, the tournament favourite, by a shot. Jones had a final round of 71 for a three-round total of 212, four under par, for his first European Seniors Tour victory. Horton's putt for an eagle on the last stopped on the edge of the hole.

Surrey find the target

RIFLE SHOOTING: Surrey were nudged into second place in the short-range event at the inter-counties rifle meeting at Bisley on Saturday, when Hampshire beat them into second place by a single point. However, they rallied yesterday to beat Kent into second place at long range, and take the Aggregate Challenge Trophy with an overall 2,900 out of 3,000, two points in front of Kent.

TENNIS: BALLGIRL EARNS APPLAUSE AT QUEEN'S AS PHILIPPOUSSIS SERVES WARNING TO RIVALS

Ivanisevic bows to Australian power

BY JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GRASS-COURT tennis is increasingly about capitalising on limited opportunity, and in that respect Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, played the perfect match to suppress Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, in the final of the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club, west London, yesterday.

Philippoussis, the No 4 seed, converted the only two break points he fashioned, one in each set, to collect his third title of the year 7-5, 6-3. Entertaining it was not, however. Both men possess the sort of thunderous service that make rallies an endangered facet of the game. A packed Centre Court willed the match to life — which it did, albeit unconventionally, when Ivanisevic summoned a ballgirl to face the Philippoussis serve — but this final will be remembered for some clinical serving from the Australian, who never gave his

Nathalie Tauziat, the No 2 seed, from France, was due to play Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia, who beat Irina Spiraea, of Romania, the No 1 seed, in the final of the rain-affected DFS Classic at Edgbaston last night.

opponent the whiff of a chance.

Everything about Philippoussis is big: his serve, his groundstrokes, his physique; even his name had too many letters for the scoreboard. So, too, is his ambition, which knows no bounds when his game functions properly. Ivanisevic best summed up the situation when he later observed: "I never had no break points, no nothing."

However, this is not always the way with Philippoussis. Against Jonas Björkman, of Sweden, in the semi-final on Saturday, he looked down and out for half the match when serving too predictably to a man prepared to trade from inside the baseline. Perhaps the first three points yesterday — all aces from Philippoussis — were designed to exercise the memory. As for his Wimbledon prospects, Ivanisevic said: "Nobody can play like that for seven matches, but Mark is capable of doing a lot



Philippoussis holds the winner's trophy after beating Ivanisevic in the Stella Artois championships yesterday

British eyes turn to Rusedski

Julian Muscat welcomes the emergence of another challenger for Wimbledon

If Greg Rusedski hoped to capture the hearts of the British public then he surely did so during the tie-break in the deciding set of his semi-final against Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, at the Stella Artois championships on Saturday. The Centre Court gallery at Queen's Club, in west London, was willing Rusedski home as he fought out a gripping conclusion to a contest of ebb and flow, although the effort, his and theirs, was ultimately in vain.

Rusedski, born in Canada but a naturalised Briton, eventually succumbed 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, losing the tie-break 20-18 after trading match points from 7-7 with Ivanisevic, the world No 3. Although Rusedski generated six of his own, he could conjure no breaks with which to serve out the match. He repelled seven.

This was his first grass-court title and he has now won on every surface. "It doesn't take me long to get into the rhythm of a court," he ventured. Indeed, his opponents have that problem when Philippoussis plays like this.

Wimbledon pointer have been impressive. Where the nation looked to Tim Henman, the British No 1, to lift the spirit, it was Rusedski who obliged. Henman stumbled against Andrew Richardson, his compatriot, before falling at the hands of Jens Knippschild, of Germany, in his second match and he now heads for the Nottingham Open, which starts today, in an effort to bolster his confidence before Wimbledon. A significant Spanish exodus suggests that Henman will almost certainly be among the 16 Wimbledon seeds, details of which are published today.

Yet, while Henman's confidence is lacking, Rusedski's is soaring. The latter opens his campaign at Nottingham against Gustavo Kuerten, the No 3 seed and recent winner of the French Open. Now ranked No 15 in the world, Kuerten will be particularly vulnerable when looking decidedly second-best against Mark Wood-

bridge, of Australia, in the opening round, but rain interrupted the match, allowing him to regroup. In the second round, Rusedski also faced match-point against Kevin Ullyett, of South Africa. Defeat in either contest would have reduced him to Henman's uncomfortable predicament.

Rusedski, 23, will now advance to somewhere near his career-best ranking of No 33 when the revised list is published today. Irrespective of his performance at Nottingham this week, he is the man whom every seed will be anxious to avoid in the Wimbledon draw, and he knows it.

"I think I'll be dangerous at Wimbledon," he said. "I have been fighting extremely well and my returns are improving. Having lost that match, it spurs you on to do better."

Last year it was Henman who hyped the nation during the Wimbledon fortnight. Unless Henman raises his game at Nottingham, it may be Rusedski who fosters British interest beyond the first week down at SW1.



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CRICKET

Tufnell may enter calculations for Lord's line-up

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S strategy for the coming week at Lord's is dictated by the primary need to stop Australia playing the way they choose. To do this, they must bowl them out for accessible totals, a priority that may yet persuade them to include a fifth front-line bowler in their XI for the second Test.

The routine re-selection of the 13 who began the Ashes series at Edgbaston did not even involve a meeting of David Graveney's panel. The telephone sufficed. But this does not necessarily imply that the same team will take the field on Thursday.

The top six batsmen will certainly be unchanged, which means Mark Butcher will not suffer the one-cap fate of his father, Alan. Even in making two low scores at Edgbaston, Butcher played some pedigree strokes and his technique is unquestionably more compact than that of the otherwise gifted Nick Knight.

If there is to be tinkering, it will be in the balance of the bowling attack. "In all our planning, we are conscious of the way Australia play," Graveney said yesterday. "They like to build a huge score and then use their wrist spinners. To disturb this pattern, we must continue to bowl them out for respectable low scores."

Graveney was not suggesting that the team will be altered randomly, merely indicating circumstances in which it might be. After the style and emphasis with which England won in Birmingham, changes are unlikely. But, whereas the final decision there was between Mark Ealham and Adam Hollioake, at Lord's it may be between Ealham and Philip Tufnell, or even Tufnell and Devon Malcolm.

ENGLAND X11

Player	County	Age	Caps
M A Atherton (Lancs, capt)	23	62	
M R Butcher (Surrey)	24	62	
A R Caddick (Surrey)	25	12	
J P Graveney (Lancashire)	25	16	
R D Croft (Glamorgan)	25	8	
M A Ealham (Kent)	27	1	
D M Gower (Surrey)	27	1	
A J Hollioake (Surrey)	28	0	
N Hussain (Essex)	29	18	
D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)	34	37	
A J Phillips (Surrey)	35	64	
G P Thomas (Surrey)	35	58	
P C Tufnell (Middlesex)	31	27	

the presence of two accomplished slow bowlers.

Tufnell and Robert Croft complemented each other effectively during the victories at Wellington and Christchurch, if not in the way that was anticipated. It was Croft, saddled for so long with the role of stock bowler for Glamorgan, who became the aggressor and likely wicket-taker; Tufnell, whose reputation was made by match-winnings analyses in his early Tests, was now his parsimonious straight man.

Graveney, himself a slow left-arter of wisdom and longevity, is rightly concerned that Tufnell should not regress

into the negativity of bowling over the wicket outside leg stump. If he does play on Thursday, he will be instructed that such a tactic is to be used only as a last resort.

Tufnell's inclusion depends partly on the weather — the more unsettled it is, the less likely he is to play — but largely on the appearance of the pitch. It is a re-laid surface, used only twice, and the England management will need to be persuaded that it will respond to spin more than the other new pitches at Lord's.

If they are convinced, then the easiest option is to trade Tufnell for Malcolm. The bold move is to play both and dispense with Ealham. This would necessitate Croft moving up to bat at No 7, but he has reacted well to extra batting responsibility before and the selectors are encouraged that he has been promoted into Glamorgan's top six.

It will be a first Lord's Test for Croft, evidence of how far and fast he has travelled since his debut at the Oval last August. Now, he is an integral part of the team, an embodiment of its spirit. He believes he can take a wicket with every ball, which is the quality England require from all their bowlers against Australia.

With this in mind, the youth policy is being advanced by the inclusion of Ashley Cowan in the squad for this week. He has no prospect of playing but, like Alex Tudor at Edgbaston, will benefit from being acquainted with the routines and personnel of the Test team. He will stay with the side until Friday, when Essex begin a game against Oxford University, but such is his form and potential, that it may not be long before he is back in earnest.



Maddy is left in inelegant limbo as Reiffel strikes an early blow for the Australians

Support grows for Johnston fund

BY SIMON WILDE



WHILE England and Australia do battle at Lord's this week, one of the greatest friends of cricket and its most famous ground will be remembered in clubs and schools all over the country during "Johnsters Week", an event designed to foster interest in the game and raise funds for its grass-roots.

The week, which starts on Saturday and is sponsored by HSA Healthcare, was launched last year in memory of the late Brian Johnston, the doyen of BBC radio's *Test Match Special* programme. Johnston would have been 85 next Tuesday. The week will see upwards of 700 clubs and schools marking the event in a variety of ways, many centring on cricket matches and many with family-oriented

tated themes. The idea is to raise local awareness of the clubs and generate money through various fund-raising activities and a raffle run by the organisers, the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust. Half the proceeds go directly to the clubs, half to the trust, which ploughs everything it receives back into the game.

The entry shows an impressive increase on last year, when there were 500 participants

pants. "I'm delighted with the response," Michael Elrith, the chief executive of the trust, said. "Awareness of the week has clearly increased and, as organisers, we are also starting to understand more about how things should be done. The raffle prizes are more relevant now to being sold to the widest possible audience. Obviously, we are hoping to continue to raise interest over the next four or five years.

"Above all, we want to encourage the young to take up the game. Almost all our awards go to clubs which have opened up, or are considering opening up, youth sections."

The trust has recently issued grants to five clubs and community associations across Britain — in Rotherham, Manchester, Barnsley, Peterborough and Cardiff — to help them promote the development

of youth cricket by supplying badly needed equipment. It also gave a grant to British Blind Sport to help it run a six-a-side cricket competition. Brian Johnston was a great supporter of blind cricket and his widow, Pauline, will attend the competition's final at Lord's in August.

HSA, a non-profit making organisation set up to provide healthcare for its members, will support the week for the second year by contacting potential participants through its mail-outs. Last week, it sent out posters to 6,000 clubs and schools.

Those interested in participating in the HSA Johnsters Weeks should contact Michael Elrith at the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust, PO Box 3897, Lord's Cricket Ground, St John's Wood Road, London NW3 8QG (tel: 0171 224 1005).

Elegant Smith is top of the class

BY BARNEY SPENDER

FENNER'S (second day of three; Cambridge University won toss): Durham, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 109 runs ahead of Cambridge University

IT IS easy for cricket followers to make comparisons with players from another generation. Usually, they are quickly forgotten, but, when someone like Derek Randall likens a 19-year-old English batsman to Greg Chappell, that most elegant of Australians, it is worth taking note.

The player is Ed Smith, the Cambridge opener who yesterday scored an excellent 99 at Fenner's as the University challenged the county to make a game of it.

With his dismissal, Anurag Singh declared 100 runs be-

hind in the hope that Durham would give Cambridge a run chase today and a chance to emulate Oxford's win over Glamorgan last week.

Smith averaged above 50 for the University last season and began this game averaging a tad more than 85, second in the country. Yesterday he improved on that, playing some magnificent off drives which took him to 50 off 52 balls.

He looked set for his second century of the season, after a fine 190 against Leicestershire, but his inexperience was exploited by David Boon, the Durham captain, who strangled his attempts to get the single to the extent that Smith holed out to Daley at wide mid-on. Smith faced 171 balls and hit 15 fours.

There was irony in his departure as it was Smith's play that on the side that had brought him many of

given the ideal start, after Boon's overnight declaration, as the Durham attack of Bert and Wood produced what Geoff Arnold, their bowling coach, described as "the worst new-ball bowling I have seen in a long, long time".

The fifty came up in the eighth over and the pair went on to add 132 for the first wicket, the run-rate only slowing when James Boiling intervened with an accurate spell of off spin, which brought him figures of one for 27 from 34 overs, 11 of which were maidens. His wicket came when Ratledge, who had become painfully becalmed, paddled up in front of his stumps, but Robert Jones helped to add 56 before Smith fell and Cambridge declared.

There was time for a further seven overs before rain finished play for the day.

West Indies openers end domination of bowlers

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

STUART WILLIAMS and Sherwin Campbell, the opening batsmen, hit unbeaten half-centuries as West Indies raced towards victory on the third day of the first Test against Sri Lanka at St John's, Antigua.

After the fall of 17 wickets on Saturday, a victory target of 187 for West Indies looked a tricky one on an unreliable pitch, but Williams and Campbell seized the initiative so completely that, by lunch, their unbeaten partnership was worth 129 from only 29 overs.

Williams was the more fluent and his undefeated 73 came from only 82 balls. It was spiced with 11 fours and two sixes. Campbell, who completed his second half-century of the match in the over before lunch, had then faced 95 balls and hit four fours.

Sri Lanka missed one opportunity to remove Campbell, when he was 31. In the same over that he pulled a ball from Sajeewa de Silva just out of the reach of mid-on, he edged to first slip where Roshan Mahanama could not hang on to a low chance.

Sri Lanka, resuming at 151 for eight in their second innings, with Hashan Tillakaratne unable to bat because of a broken hand, lasted for just two balls. The first was a no-ball, then Franklin Rose had Muralitharan



Ambrose: eight in match

Hampshire fail to counter Mushtaq

BY JACK BAILEY

BASINGSTOKE (Hampshire won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Hampshire by six runs

DESPITE Kevan James's love affair with the Basingstoke pitch, which brought him three more wickets yesterday, Matthew Keach's 44 and stout innings from John Stephenson and Shaun Udal, Hampshire found the wiles of Mushtaq Ahmed too much of a mystery.

Once he appeared to weave his oriental spell, the Hampshire innings veered sharply off course. The target of 207 to win was beyond them.

It was not so much the wickets Mushtaq took as the pressure he put on the batsmen to score at the other end. Hampshire, although aided by a remarkable over from Andy Caddick — which lasted 12 balls — contained five wickets.

Earlier, Muralitharan had cleaned up the lower order batsmen to finish with five for 34 off 25.4 overs. After resuming at 56 for one, West Indies were pegged back by the pace bowling of Pushpakumara and Sajeewa de Silva. The former striking a double blow by removing the left-handed Floyd Reifer before sending back Brian Lara without a run to his name, both caught behind.

Somerset found little solace in the early exchanges and the loss of their first two wickets before a run was scored did nothing to encourage them. Although Turner avoided the early epidemic of chopping the ball on to the stumps and contributed largely to Somerset's 86 for six, there was

precious little early support. It looked as though the old alliance of the Basingstoke pitch — low and slow — and James — accurate and medium-paced — had done the trick. Then Graham Rose entered the fray, after a useful contribution from Bowler.

Rose continued quite majestically as the tail, none more effectively than Jason Kerr, kept the other end going. He hit only four fours in his undefeated 37, but he certainly warmed the fingers of the Hampshire bowlers. The final total of 175 was reached just before Mushtaq was caught at cover.

By then, Hampshire knew that a tough task awaited them. Even Hayden was so restricted as to take 17 overs in scoring 24 runs, although it took an astonishing catch by little Mushtaq to get rid of him. A sliced drive went skittering towards the third-man boundary. Mushtaq, his legs going like pistons, covered 25 yards before he took the ball at head height.

Mushtaq also bowled to the bafflement of everyone who faced him and he had completed his overs by the time Udal was into his stride. The last few overs saw the Hampshire off spinner come close to pulling off an unlikely win, but in the end he fell, bravely, into an injudicious wicket.

Glamorgan put unhappy memories behind them

BY RUPERT COX

CARDIFF (Middlesex won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Middlesex by six wickets

HAVING been chastened by an innings defeat and a woeful 31 all out, their fourth-lowest championship score, on Saturday, Glamorgan responded in the best possible manner, alleviating much of the bruising Welsh egos had suffered.

Set a target of 185 by Middlesex, Glamorgan gleamed a semblance of revenge with an emphatic six-wicket victory, with 27 balls to spare, at Sophia Gardens yesterday. It was their fourth Axa Life League victory and keeps

them in touch with the leaders. Both sides included two spinners on a bare wicket that enticed Mark Ramprakash to take first use of it. The visitors' innings, though, incorporated just five fours and a six as Middlesex failed to capture sufficient momentum to hoist their score beyond 200. Only their captain, Ramprakash, with a stylish 47, and Jason Pooley, who contributed a fluent and valuable 35, managed to come to terms with the slow and low surface.

Mushtaq also bowled to the bafflement of everyone who faced him and he had completed his overs by the time Udal was into his stride. The last few overs saw the Hampshire off spinner come close to pulling off an unlikely win, but in the end he fell, bravely, into an injudicious wicket.

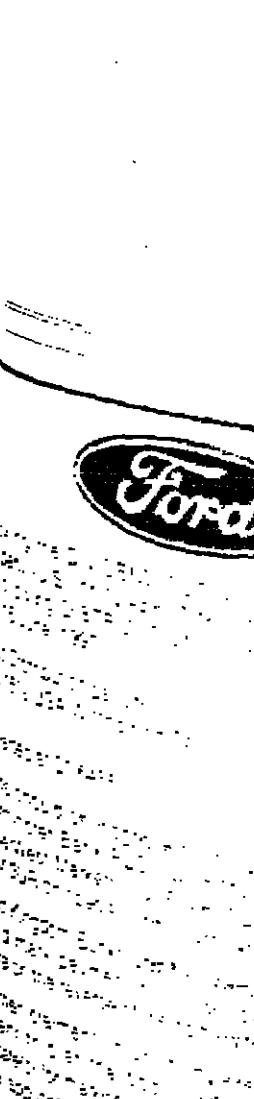


Ramprakash: stylish

ground, before Keith Duthie, the Middlesex off-spinner, trapped him leg-before as he swept. The early impetus, though, took the onus from the middle order, enabling them to play at a more sedate pace, even if they did suffer the odd wobble in reaching their target when Adrian Dale loosed to deep mid-wicket and Tony Cotter was leg-before to Paul Weeks.

Matthew Maynard, striking a characteristically belligerent unbeaten 71, and a sensible 29 not out from Stephen James steadied the partisan crowds' apprehension. Maynard struck the only fifty of the match from 61 balls, adorned by four fours, before he cut loose to finish the match. He will be particularly pleased with his strategy, employing Croft as the opening batsman and bating James at No 6. Croft laid the foundation in the pinch-hitting role — Glamorgan were always ahead of the game — and James, so adept at collecting singles, assisted his captain over the final hurdle.

Maynard's own contribution will, in all probability, please him most. Playing a mature hand, foreign to his nature and often lacking in his batting, he selected the wayward delivery with care and duly punished it. By contrast, Middlesex's policy was found wanting.



Ford

Reiffel quick to underline Test credentials

BY SIMON WILDE

LEICESTER (second day of three; Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 153 runs behind the Australians

THERE must be some polite coughing going on in the homes of the Australia selectors at the moment. These men will say that they did, at least, pick out Paul Reiffel's name when asked to reinforce the team in England, but the fact remains that they omitted him from the original party two months ago.

It is a mistake that may severely embarrass them, judging by the spectacular start that Reiffel, the Victoria seam bowler, has made since joining the tour. In the two hours of play that were possible at Grace Road yesterday, he took three for 12 from ten overs as Leicestershire tottered to 62 for four in reply to the touring team's 220 for eight declared.

Eight of the runs he conceded came from two boundaries in one over by Macmillan, who stood alone in attempting to break the fierce strangulation applied by Reiffel and McGrath on a green, seaming pitch. As in his two brief appearances at Trent Bridge last week, Reiffel barely wasted a ball and was responsible for the initial breakthrough. His tour figures stand at a remarkable six for 27 from 20 overs and, barring injury, his place for the second Test match is assured. At Trent Bridge he claimed his first wicket with his twelfth ball; here it took him only three to produce a delicious off-cutter that trimmed the balls off with six fours.

Rain in the morning and at 3.10pm condensed the day to 30.3 overs, which took the time lost by the Australians since the first Test to two-and-a-half days out of a possible five. They repaired to the golf course for an evening round, just as the sun started to shine on a watery Grace Road.



CRICKET: ENGLAND CAPTAIN WARMS UP FOR LORD'S WITH COMMANDING INNINGS AGAINST KENT

Atherton's judgment vindicated by result

By RICHARD HOBSON

OLD TRAFFORD (Kent won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Kent by 17 runs

WHATEVER their failings in the four-day game, Lancashire are still the side to beat in the short-course variety. Kent were unable to do it in the Axa Life League yesterday, though they will take some solace if they can reverse the result in the championship game that finishes today. Lancashire, with six wins in seven games, sit second in the Sunday table, behind Essex on run-rate.

In a contest reduced to 35 overs per side, Kent fell to 56 for four in the seventeenth over as they chased 173. The situation was similar to that in the 1995 Benson and Hedges Cup final when Aravinda de Silva led a dashing counter-attack that almost turned the game.

This time, despite a fifth-wicket stand of 59 in 12 overs between Ward and Llong, there was never the same suggestion of a complete recovery.

Whether Wasim Akram would have played but for injuries to Gaffian Hegg and Watkinson is debatable. His impact on the game, though, was not to be doubted for in his fifth over he removed two of Kent's cleanest hitters.

Ealham dragged the ball onto his stumps attempting to force off the back foot, and an even worse fate befell Fleming. He, too, was bowled, but this time via his arm, which doubled the pain.

Batsmen found difficulty in discerning the pace of the pitch either quickly or easily though, as Michael Atherton demonstrated imperiously on a sepulchral afternoon, a short period assessing the conditions was time well spent.

Of the Kent openers, Fulton went leg-before early on, which can happen, but Walker had laid sound foundations, with 16 in 14 overs; when his top-edged pull located Austin at long leg, Ward and Llong had to consolidate, but at a cost of lost impetus. The asking-rate soared and when

Llong swung outside off stump attempting to apply an appropriate remedy, he merely edged to Crawley, the locum for Hegg as wicketkeeper. Strang and McCague fell in the space of two overs and Kent's hopes were dashed, although Ward had the consolation of reaching his half-century in the penultimate over.

In his first innings since the award of his OBE, Atherton batted with a growing command as he underpinned the Lancashire total of 172 for three. Not until the 27th over did he complete his half-century, from 74 balls, but in the next over he pulled Fleming through mid-wicket off the front foot and drove him straight with the sort of cool precision a Swiss watch-maker might have envied.

An even crisper stroke followed as he stepped inside the line to drive McCague over extra cover and if there was an element of good fortune involved when he snicked the same bowler wide of Marsh's dive, it was a rare violation of the coaching manual.

Having unbroken on 90 from 102 balls, having hit a six and eight fours, and those who felt he might have accelerated earlier were made to look as red as the Lancastrian rose as his innings grew in importance in the context of Kent's subsequent struggle.

Atherton put on 66 for the second wicket with Crawley, who was held at bayward point at the third attempt by Llong, and 64 in nine overs with Lloyd.

It is easy to understand why the England selectors are tempted by Lloyd as fast as one-day cricket is concerned, but the championship-hungry he accumulated on Saturday was his fourth of the season in first-class cricket. Being made from 142 balls, it was also by far the most subdued.

Yesterday, unshackled from a situation requiring graft, he clubbed and clouted gleefully, especially against the leg spin of Strang, before being given our leg-before after hitting over a full toss from Ealham.

For most of their innings,



Atherton plays an off drive straight from the coaching manual during his unbeaten innings of 90 yesterday

Yorkshire run ragged by Thorpe

By IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Yorkshire by five wickets

GRAHAM THORPE, whom Surrey are resting from their concurrent championship match against Yorkshire, remains in imperious form. His unbeaten century, an innings resplendent with characteristic hooks, drives and delicate leg glances, brought about victory with nine balls to spare. He put on 103 off 93 balls with Ben Hollioake, who also knows something about how to bat in a limited overs match. The Yorkshire fielders were a ragged lot by the finish.

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Surrey had to contend with batting in dreadful light. They were not helped by the tea interval being prolonged by 15 minutes to accommodate various worthy Nescafé awards and the presentation of both teams to the Duchess of Kent, who is the patron of Yorkshire. At least Roary the Lion respectfully kept quiet at this point.

Jonny Gould, the omnipresent compere, was pretty self-controlled, too. No doubt the two of them are concocting something frightful for Surrey's next Sunday League match here, the floodlit day/night affair, in the sure knowledge that Sir Alec Bedser is not expected to attend. As if to make up for them, the umpires came out to

music for the first time — "Simply the Best" — and Darren Gough chose, when he came in to bat, some run time by what sounded like a poor man's Bob Marley.

More importantly, Gough kept fit and no longer troubled by sore shins. His initial five overs were quick and reasonably accurate and included the wicket of Brown, caught chipping to wide mid-on. Butcher made 34 off 63 balls, again not appearing to be in touch. Stewart was bowled by one from Silverwood he could hardly have seen. Adam Hollioake drove Stump to short extra cover and, although there was a significant contribution by his brother, who struck an unbeaten 39 off 39 balls,

including three fours, Surrey were dependent on Thorpe. His runs came off 100 balls and included 10 fours, the last of which brought him his century and won the match.

Yorkshire's batting against an attack which lacked Lewis, who had a slight groin strain, was by no means exceptional. Lehmann made his fourth half century in seven innings in this competition and added 74 off 75 balls with Blakey. That was competent cricket, but Hartley, promoted to hit quick runs, managed 21 off 37 balls, 17 of his runs in singles. Gough's choice of music did not prevent him from receiving rapturous applause, and Morris struck the last delivery, bowled by Adam Hollioake, for six.

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Law finds 123 as easy as ABC in defeat of Sussex

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

HOVE (Essex won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets

ESSEX retained their leadership of the Axa Life League with this thumping win, which keeps Sussex chained to the bottom. Essex needed only 30.2 overs to reach their target of 217, which was no sort of challenge on such a good batting pitch. Stuart Law, their Australian, leading them towards it with an innings of 123, his best score in the competition. His previous best in the Sunday league was 120, also against Sussex, at Chelmsford last season.

Poor old Sussex. It was yet another inadequate performance in this wretched summer. Their bowling was so poor that Law's hundred, bracing as it was, had to be slightly devalued, but

all a team can do is beat the opponents that stand before it, and Essex keep on winning.

Law tore into the bowling with a purpose from the start, though he did not lack opportunity. He went to his fifty from 40 balls, and required only a further 36 to reach a hundred that included two sixes and a dozen boundaries. Pritchard's half-century, which followed shortly afterwards, featured a pair of boundaries, so there was no mistaking who was the dominant partner.

By the time he drove Kirtley to Newell at mid-off, Law had made 123 out of 199, from 94 balls, with 14 fours and three sixes. On the brink of victory, when Essex were a single short, Kirtley took a second wicket that of Pritchard, who was bowled off his pads for 68. But Irani picked up his first ball to the

boundary at deep square leg and, as if to remind the more vocal members of the crowd, who had earlier shouted abuse at him when Essex were in the field, he raised his arms in mock triumph.

Law, who had earlier taken a wicket and held a catch, continues to give Essex excellent all-round service. Last season, when his summer was interrupted by a call to join the Australians in Sri Lanka, he made 122 centuries in all cricket, six in the championship, and another six in the three different forms of the one-day game.

Sussex, put in to bat, got off to a decent start as Rajesh Rao and Bill Athey made 96 for the first wicket in 21 overs. To get as few as 216, therefore, was a poor effort. Ashley Cowan, who reports to Lord's tomorrow to bowl in the England nets, took wickets in three

successive overs after switching to the sea end, robbing the innings of the momentum that the openers had built up.

Rao had struck four fours and a six in an innings of 60, which followed his 89 in the championship defeat, when he top-edged an intended pull to mid-wicket. There were some fine blows from Keith Greenfield, who went to fifty in 44 balls, his third Sunday League half-century of the season, but it seemed unlikely that a score of 216 for six would stretch Essex, and so it proved.

In their team's present plight, Sussex members have turned to gallows humour. "Come on, Sussex, we can still do it", one shouted when Essex needed only one more run for victory. The trouble is, at the moment, they cannot do anything.

HAMPSHIRE
Basingstoke (4pts) beat Hampshire by 17 runs

Gloucestershire sneak in despite their evil ways

By DEREK HODGSON

BRISTOL (Worcestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by one run

STEVEN RHODES, Worcestershire's acting captain, thought the pitch two-faced, one explanation for some inept batting in a contest that was redeemed only by the finish. Stuart Lampitt needed four runs off the last ball. If the bowlers are given half a chance in one-day cricket the whole concept tends to fall apart.

The Gloucestershire innings started with good intentions but after much heaving, slicing and carving, fell into evil ways and any retired cricket coach would have left shaking his head declaring "Serve 'em right".

There is a technique, if not an art, to 40-over cricket which at its best teaches the batsman the art of concentrating upon hitting every bad ball. Even in a limited selection of 240 balls there is a good ratio of deliveries it is unwise to gamble upon; Gloucestershire batted mostly with a blithe disregard for either principle.

Bob Cunliffe scored his second Sunday 50 of the summer and was the one player shrewd in his selection. Tony Wright was proceeding smoothly enough until bowled: Shaun Young should have been caught and bowled first ball. Mark Alleyne and Jack Russell gave the middle some substance, but both were bowled, and Tim Hancock departed second ball. By then Worcestershire

had caught behind, to the biggest cheer of the day, after four overs in which he appeared to have settled.

Gavin Haynes played the best innings of the match — 45 mostly clean strikes off 58 balls, five fours, and his partnership of 63 in 16 overs with Phil Weston, steering Worcestershire back into contention after Lewis (2-17) and Smith had bowled him out one of their allotted overs.

Weston fell to a running catch at cover, which left the final 89 off 13, to the old sweats. Lampitt and Leatherdale, who narrowed the target to 47 off five whereupon Leatherdale struck Young for successive boundaries leaving 29 needed off 18 balls.

Lampitt, running well with his captain, took the contest to the narrowest margin.

Rampant Smith piles on the agony for Derbyshire

By PAT GIBSON

EDGASTON (Derbyshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 108 runs

THEY play "Search for the hero inside yourself" at the start of each innings in Axa Life League matches at Edgaston this season, but Derbyshire searched in vain yesterday. They just did not have the stomach for the fight after Warwickshire had battered them for 201 for six in a match reduced by rain to 21 overs a side, and capitulated to a pitiful 93 all out.

DeFreitas had already retired from the fray when Smith drilled him wide of long on for six and, although Knight was more orthodox, he almost kept pace with his partner in an opening stand that had produced 93 in only 11 overs by the time he was bowled by Aldred. Knight's 43 had come from 39 balls with nine fours. Aldred, easily the best of the Derbyshire bowlers, did at least apply the break at his end, but Smith kept up the onslaught at the other, blasting Harris for another six that almost reached the hospitality boxes at the back of the Raglan Stand.

They struck 122 of their runs in boundaries — nine sixes and 17 fours — as they hurtled along at almost 100 runs an over, and then bowled so accurately that Derbyshire hit one more six off Clarke, taking him to 60 off 34 balls, before he was well caught by DeFreitas, who sprinted in from long-on.

Derbyshire's bowling resources are so stretched that Philip DeFreitas, their acting captain, gave the new ball to Roberts, the left-arm spinner. He began tidily enough, but Smith collared him in his fourth over, clumping him for a four and two sixes.

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He hit one more six off Clarke, taking him to 60 off 34 balls, before he was well caught by DeFreitas, who sprinted in from long-on.

Smith, however, was not to be beaten and, after a brief lull, he

reversed sweep at Smith in his second over, and the off spinner then had Barnett caught at wide mid-on and DeFreitas held at extra cover.

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RUGBY LEAGUE: ONE-SIDED WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES LEAVE WEAKNESSES IN BRITISH GAME CRUELLY EXPOSED



Walker: radical

Changes fall short of necessary revolution

Although radical at first glance, the recommendations of a working party, which include a return from three to two professional divisions and a reduction from 34 to 28 clubs by the 1999 season, do not go far enough in the light of the discrepancies in the standards of British and Australian rugby leagues raised by the world club championship.

The report by Sir Rodney Walker, the Rugby Football League (RFL) chairman, written before the championship started, was distributed to clubs last week. Only those suffering from myopia and motivated by self-interest could find fault with the basic tenet that some form of streamlining is necessary and that minimum standards must be met, in order for the game to develop and prosper.

Unfortunately, the world championship has highlighted more dead wood than the report suggests cutting out. No mergers would be forced on clubs, the cause of so much public opprobrium when the Super League revolution erupted two years ago. Rather, it would be a process of stealth with those clubs deemed surplus to requirements consigned to a new, part-time third tier of leading National Conference teams.

The implications for some clubs would be clear. Others might be motivated to combine resources, the obvious ones being Hull and Hull Kingston Rovers, Salford and Swinton, Widnes and Warrington, and Leeds and Bransley, who already share Headingley. Merger discussions between clubs in Cumbria and elsewhere are taking place, with the obvious incentive that the £87 million from the Super League deal would be spread across a smaller base.

Recommendations on minimum capacities of 10,000 for Super League clubs and 6,000-7,000 for first division clubs merely reiterate minimum standards guidelines, issued in January 1996 in the *Franchising the Future* document, that some clubs have chosen to ignore. These would become mandatory requirements if the 28 clubs were to operate on a franchise basis. Sir Rodney's report, which will be considered by club chairmen on Wednesday week, is also implicit in wanting to reduce the influence of the RFL chief executive position, which is

held by Maurice Lindsay instead of one person being responsible for all decisions, associate directors in charge of financial, disciplinary, legal and marketing matters would be given decision-making powers, while an additional operational board of directors would oversee day-to-day running.

The report does not address the overseas quota issue, but Sir Rodney agreed yesterday that six foreign players per club were too many. "There are some notable exceptions, but a lot of southern hemisphere players now based here are second liners in the competitions over there," he said. "In many cases, they are no better than our players."

suspected that wins from our sides would be rare in the world club championship, but the scale of some of the defeats has surprised me. Perhaps the British teams have one or two players of real class, but the Australians have five, six and more. In our competition, we still have 20-25 exceptional players. The trouble is that there is a rump of perhaps 200 in Australia."

Were Sir Rodney's recommendations to be rejected next week by the Rugby League Council, the need for change is now so apparent that the game's progressive wing would not stop there. The figure of 28 clubs in the report suggests a 14-14 split, except that the world championship results have highlighted that talent is spread too thinly, in which case a ten or even eight-team Super League by 1999 would be one solution.

With discussions between the RFL and the British Amateur Rugby League Association edging towards a joint youth commission, better and more sustained grassroots development would be a starting point. The work necessary showed again yesterday in the 66-20 beating taken by London Broncos at Canberra and Halifax's simultaneous 58-0 loss at Canterbury in Australia, where crowds have slumped in proportion to the lack of competitiveness offered by British sides, with the exception of Wigan.

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Ecclestone's plan to float ready to stall on the grid

FEW can be envying Christian Purslow at the moment. Purslow, the London-based managing director of Salomon Brothers International, the American investment bankers, knew that he was not taking on an easy task when he agreed to float Formula One Holdings, which is controlled by Bernie Ecclestone.

However, so many stumbling-blocks have been placed in his way since the float was first suggested in the spring that the expected announcement today that the £1.5 billion share issue will not be launched until September will not be a surprise. Indeed, there will be some relief that Purslow thinks that the float can be achieved at all.

The fact is that Ecclestone has created a highly valuable business out of the inefficiencies of the sport. The people who run motor-racing teams are interested in getting the cars on to the circuits in the best condition with the best drivers.

Their interest in the money side is largely focused on raising enough finance to pay for a winning team. This mostly comes from sponsorship deals and the sponsors were brought in by the wide exposure that Formula One gets through a worldwide television audience running into hundreds of millions.

Meanwhile, Ecclestone was able to handle the talks with television companies and the owners of the racing tracks. This allowed him to make a nice turn on the negotiations — last year his business brought in £200 million and, even after he had handed over a share to the teams and the tracks, he was left with £85 million, out of which he paid himself a salary of £54 million.

Formula One Holdings,



Medley of Bradford Bulls, finds that there is no hiding place as he is tackled from all sides by the Auckland defence

Auckland turn the world on its head

GRAHAM CHADWICK/ALLSPORT

Bradford Bulls 16
Auckland Warriors 20

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT REALLY is an upside down world when the bottom club in the Australasian Super League can overturn the leaders in Europe and, moreover, do it while being one player short for 42 minutes. Something is amiss when 12 men can vanquish 13. Perhaps it is a further unpalatable truth about the gulf between northern and southern hemispheres in the world club championship.

True to form, Australia added another huge win to their collection — the sixteenth in 17 cross-hemisphere games. It is difficult to find any crumbs of comfort for a British challenge that is becoming more demoralised with every world club championship game.

Warrington fell behind after eight minutes when Girdler set up the first of two tries for Robbie Becket. Becket's second after 13 minutes stretched the lead to 8-0 and Girdler added the extra points.

It was then that Girdler, almost single-handedly, took over. He scored his first try after 16 minutes when he intercepted a pass by Kelly Sheldor inside his own half and raced to the posts unopposed. Seven minutes later he followed a kick from Steve Carter to touch down.

Jody Gall added another try for Penrith after half an hour and only then did Warrington look like making a game of it. Tries from Sean Gerrits and Mark Forster gave the home supporters some comfort, which was further sustained when Toa Koho Love scored in the corner.

It did not last. Another Sheldor pass went astray and Andrew Hinson crossed for Penrith. With Girdler kicking the goal and then adding a try shortly after, the contest was as good as over. Danny Farrar took Penrith further out of sight before Willie Swann brought Warrington back into the picture with a scrambled try. However, Penrith had the last word when Darren Brown's try took them to the half-century.

The Warriors have struggled in winning only three



Medley of Bradford Bulls, finds that there is no hiding place as he is tackled from all sides by the Auckland defence

times in their domestic season, yet in the space of nine days they have trounced St Helens, the Challenge Cup holders, and beaten Bradford, whose only consolation, such as it is, was that they have at least been competitive in losing twice by the same narrow scoreline. The match against Cronulla next Friday, which appears to be by far the hardest of the three games, might be a case of damage limitation.

That a relatively poor team in the Australasian competition can look like world beaters in Britain merely high-

lights the class divide. The Auckland game was a "banker" for Bradford. As they found against Penrith six days before, chances came and went. Whereas the opposition swiftly moved the ball wide, Bradford sluggishly ploughed down the middle and, apart from a surging run to the line by Bradley early in the second half, they wanted desperately for finishing pace.

In running away at the top of the Super League, Bradford have been able to shrug off a long injury list, but not so at this level. Their side was misshapen and they carried

too many passengers. Paul is obviously not yet fit and McDermott and Peacock, too, struggled on Saturday. Without Paul's inspirational spark, and with McNamara and Tomlinson subdued and wayward, the Bulls were never likely to explode.

Errors and missed tackles undermined the home team, who never fully recovered from the ease with which Kearney, the inspirational Auckland second-row forward, squeezed out a scoring pass to the electric Jones, in the fourth minute, despite being wrapped up by three

tacklers. Eru's dismissal and Bradley's subsequent try fuelled a false sense of expectation.

During a 10-minute period in which both sides were one man short — McNamara having been sin binned for a professional foul — Ridge scored wide on the right.

BRADFORD BULLS: D Peacock, M McDermott, G Tomlinson, G Jones, R Peacock, G Tomlinson, G Jones, R Peacock, M McDermott, M Forshaw, P Medley, S McNamara, Substitutes: J Wittenberg, Grahame Stock, P Anderson, N Allard, G Tomlinson, M Ridge, S Hoppe, T Reape, S Endicott, P Stedding, G Ngamu, S Jones, J Vugana, S Enu, S Bile, A Tumavave, S Keamey, D Bell, S Subbaram, M Horo, H Heron, I Swann, M Novoc.

which is registered in the United Kingdom these days, has a 25-year contract to run the sport with the FIA, its governing body, which in turn will have a 10 per cent stake in Formula One. However, it has had all sorts of trouble getting all ten leading teams to sign up to the so-called Concorde agreement on the division of the television income, which is expected to grow significantly with the introduction of pay-per-view television.

Three in particular — Williams, McLaren and Tyrrell —

have been holding out for a bigger share. It is still not clear whether they have actually signed up yet, but Formula One cannot even think of floating with this issue outstanding.

There is a feeling that the teams have missed a trick. There is no reason why Ecclestone, 67, still has to be at the centre of the sport. Another middleman could come in and organise a rival Formula One competition and, if McLaren and Williams dropped out of Ecclestone's circus, would it be as attractive? Also, how many other teams might go and sign up to a rival?

Ecclestone claims the support of Ferrari, but last week had a good go at shooting himself in the foot. He had been particularly strong in his objections to bans on tobacco advertising and, in an interview, said that he would cancel the Italian and San Marino Grands Prix if tobacco advertising was banned in Italy. If they go, it is hard to see Ferrari being as enthusiastic about Formula One.

Adding to the woes are Formula One's German troubles, which include speculation that it may have to renegotiate its German television deals, worth more than £20 million a year, because of internal problems at Kirch, its German partner.

The sport is now looking towards the Far East for its future, with Malaysia and Thailand appearing to be prime locations for new dates in the grand-prix calendar. However, if the sport moves from its European base, will it lose its character?

Ecclestone and Purslow are playing a dangerous game by floating Formula One but by trying to crystallise the full value of the goose that lays the golden egg, they may be in danger of killing it.

JASON NISSE

HOCKEY

England blow hot and cold to finish second

ENGLAND managed a 2-2 draw with South Africa to finish as runners-up to Holland in the Rabobank international tournament at the Wagener Stadium in Amstelveen, Holland, yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

Holland, who defeated England 5-0 on Saturday, brought the tournament to a colourful end with a 4-0 victory over Pakistan before a crowd of 5,000.

England blew hot and cold against South Africa, who saved the match in the last 20 seconds with a goal by Nicol. South Africa snatched the lead in the third minute after a mix-up in the England defence allowed Cullen to set up the chance for Craig Fulton to score.

England then lost their way and, if the South Africans had experienced better luck, they

SPEEDWAY

Gollob leaves rivals in wake

BY TONY HOARE

TOMASZ GOLLOB scored a thrilling victory in the second round of the world championship grand prix in Linkoping, Sweden, on Saturday. Gollob, from Poland, swept past Greg Hancock, the winner of the Czech grand prix last month, in the A final to claim his first victory since 1995.

Hancock, from the United States, finished second to retain his lead in the grand prix standings, but acknowledged that the night had belonged to Gollob, 26, who started the meeting with four straight wins to all but secure a place in the decisive A final.

Gollob has shaken off a reputation for being erratic, although his fifth ride had the hallmark of the old style as he missed bends to finish third, behind Hans Nielsen and Peter Karlsson.

However, he still had first

choice of starting position for the final and opted for the outside line. After a quick start, he stayed wide and picked up enough drive to power past Hancock and collect 25 points.

Gollob has never ridden in the British League, unlike the majority of grand prix riders, and he said that the victory proved the strength of the Polish League set-up, which draws the biggest crowds in the world.

"The Polish League is the hardest in the world, and this win will be a motivation and inspiration for my friends and colleagues who race in the league," Gollob said.

The meeting marked the return to form of Nielsen, who has won the world championship four times. He finished fourth to improve on his tenth place in Prague last month.

It was a frustrating night, though, for Billy Hamill, the defending champion, from the United States. In one race, he went from first to last and ended up in the B final, finishing seventh.

Hancock, the series leader and Hamill's stablemate with Team Exide, said: "Billy was unlucky tonight, but he has great inner strength and he will not let this get to him."

Mikael Karlsson, who rides for Wolverhampton in the Elite League, was taken to hospital for a precautionary check on a chest injury after crashing in his final qualifying ride.

GRAND PRIX POSITIONS (after two rounds): 1. G Hancock (USA) 45pts; 2. T Gollob (Pol) 43; 3. B Hamill (USA) 32; 4. T Richardson (Swe) 20; 5. H Nielsen (Den) 24; 6. B Anderson (Den) 23; 7. M Gruen (Aust) 19; 8. H Karlsson (Swe) 18; 9. D Thompson (GBR) 16; 10. H Gustafsson (Swe) 17; 11. C Louis (GBR) 16; 12. P Karlsson (Swe) 15; 13. L Adami (Aust) 14; 14. A Smith (GBR) 9; 15. J Crump (Aus) 8; 16. S Wigg (GB) 3.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Offensive limitations costly for Monarchs

LONDON Monarchs ended their season with another close home game that illustrated their prime deficiency, a lack of offensive power (Richard Wetherell writes). In

all but three of their ten games they have scored ten points or less. Their defence has managed to keep them in contention in most games, but, with little to defend, they have occasionally folded.

The 10-7 defeat by Rhein Fire at Stamford Bridge yesterday was a fitting end and meant that they finished with a 4-6 record for the third successive year. The Monarchs rarely reached the Fire's half. One of the few times they did move the ball, they built a 7-3 half-time lead as Michael Tidey caught a 38-yard touchdown pass.

The only scoring in the second half came from Der-

rick Clark's one-yard run, which ensured that the Fire ended top of the World League with a 7-3 record, and they will play in their first World Bowl in Barcelona on Sunday.

Scottish Claymores' remote chance of defending their title was destroyed by Barcelona Dragons on Saturday. The Dragons' 48-18 victory meant that they halted their recent fall from grace and that the two teams with the best record will be in the final.

Since qualifying to host the World Bowl by having the best record in the first half of the season, the Dragons had lost four consecutive matches, but they bounced back in some style, with Jon Kitna throwing five touchdown passes. The only highlight for the Claymores was a 95-yard kick-off return by Eric Smith.

RUGBY UNION

Howley's enforced departure tears at heart of Lions

FROM DAVID HANDS IN CAPE TOWN

A DEFIANT Robert Howley left South Africa for home last night predicting that the British Isles would win the international series 2-1. The sadness is that, if the Lions are to live up to that, they must do so without Howley, who started this tour as one of their very few world-class players but who will now spend the next four months regaining fitness after dislocating his shoulder against Natal.

Nor could the Lions easily lay hands on his replacement, Kyran Bracken. The Saracens scrum half, who re-established his England career in Argentina this month, started a holiday in Tobago over the weekend and could not initially be located.

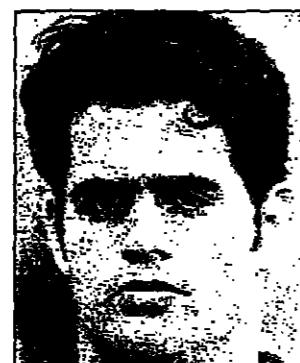
However, he is due at Heathrow today and will leave this evening in the hope of attending the game in Wellington tomorrow against the Emerging Springboks.

The loss of Howley, 26, is substantial. The combination of a clever rugby brain and great pace had already shown itself on tour, most notably against Western Province on May 31.

His joust with Joost van der Westhuizen in the three-match series, which begins at Newlands here on Saturday, was eagerly awaited by the rugby public. "It's a shame I won't have the chance to pit my ability against him, it would have been a great contest," Howley said wistfully.

The two players, who opposed each other when Wales played South Africa in December last year, have similar attributes but on that occasion Howley had to play behind the losing forwards. Here, the Lions pack will hope to establish parity at the very least but it is likely that Matt Dawson will operate the scrum, in harness with his Northampton colleague, Gregor Townsend.

"No one was concerned about the result against Natal, only about my shoulder," Howley, whose family — in



Bracken: replacement

cluding his fiancée, Ceri — were due to arrive in Cape Town on Thursday, said: "That summed up for me the Lions ethos and how we have all come together over the last five weeks."

The injury, to the left shoulder, happened when Howley started from a ruck at King's Park on Saturday, went to ground and opponents fell over him. He carried on for four minutes in the hope that he could play through it, but the first pass off his left hand told him the injury was too serious.

He is the fourth player forced out of this tour, after Paul Grayson, Doddie Weir and Scott Quinnell, but with respect to his three colleagues, probably the first international certainty.

"It's the biggest disappointment in my career so far and probably will be in my whole career not to have the chance to play in a Test," Howley, who bruised the same shoul-

der during the domestic season, said.

"All the hard work of six or seven years has come to a very disappointing end." He is due to see a specialist on Wednesday and will hope that, whatever operation is required, the recovery period will not bite too deeply into the new season with Cardiff. Howley's departure leaves three England scrum halves to shoulder the burden, though Andy Gomarsall, who played through most of last season, is not one of them.

Bracken, 25 and capped 14 times, was preferred to Paul John, of Wales, and Bryan Redpath, of Scotland, partly because he has played international rugby within the past ten days but also because his running style will complement Ian McGeechan's pattern of play. "He's got good hands and he'll be on the same lines as the scrum halves we have here," the coach said after the party's arrival in Cape Town last night. "He was very close to selection in the original party anyway."

The Lions, still pondering their options in the front row, back row and midfield, may not announce their side to play South Africa until the day of the game. They see no value in offering additional information to their opponents. "You try to get an edge wherever you can," Fran Cotton, the manager, said. "We are playing against the world champions on their own turf and you can't get harder than that."

South Africa, as expected, named a XV yesterday including Mark Andrews at lock instead of Fritz van Heerden from the side that bulldozed Tonga 74-10 last Tuesday. Van Heerden has a hip injury and may yet be joined on the sidelines by Gary Teichmann, the captain, and James Small. Both men will have fitness tests today on hamstring injuries and Carel du Plessis, the coach, will want to know sooner rather than later whether they must be replaced.



Strudwick, left, of Natal, fails to halt the progress of Shaw, the British Isles lock forward, who leads yet another charge at King's Park

Lions maintain their momentum

Natal Sharks 12
British Isles XV 42FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DURBAN

THE British Isles negotiated the third and final leg of a potentially hazardous week with some style at King's Park on Saturday, but there can be no denying that the loss of Robert Howley removed much of the pleasure from their achievement. Nevertheless, such is the cohesiveness of this Lions party that, within minutes of the diagnosis being made on Howley's dislocated shoulder, the management was emphasising its faith in his English colleagues.

That Howley would have been the scrum half against South Africa next Saturday but for the injury that he

suffered in the eighth minute of the meeting with Natal is not in question, yet Matt Dawson, in two matches, and Austin Healey, in one, have indicated their capacity to play with the same characteristics. The substantial difference with Howley is one of experience and judgement, and Dawson scores higher than Healey in that respect, as well as having swifter hands.

Injuries are part and parcel of touring, according to Fran Cotton, and the party that he manages has now suffered four, yet it was Natal themselves who showed how important the missing link can be, since Kevin Punt might well have made more of his possession won by his forwards. Instead, Robert du Preez and Hans Scriba found themselves hassled and harried to distraction by a Lions pack that scrummaged well and gave a youthful back row every chance to impose themselves.

Another opponent might have found time to test Neil Jenkins under the high ball, or to try to expose his pace over the ground, but not this Natal side, who played an almost English-style game of stop-start rugby. Their back division scarcely existed as an attacking threat, with Muller showing no outstanding reason for his selection in the national squad, save in defence.

Ian McIntosh, their coach, was inclined to blame his tight-five forwards for a disappointing afternoon, one on which Natal's record of never beating the Lions seldom looked like ending, but neither their scrum nor lineout was so deficient that better half backs might not have made more of possession. Moreover, they enjoyed the benefit of the referee's interpretation of ruck ball in the first half, only to turn round 16-9 down against a side that sustained brilliantly its increasing reputation for a strong finish.

That was the aspect that brought Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, most pleasure.

Time and again, he insisted that his players must be patient in their build-up. The previous Wednesday, it was that kind of approach that produced Iain 44s of sustained play before Healey's game-breaking try against Gauteng in Johannesburg. Here, a similar rippling effect earned Lawrence Dallaglio the final try and took the Lions past 40 points for the second time on tour.

"I told Lawrence he could now consider himself a Lion because of the effort he put into that try," McGeechan said. "It was the last minute of the game. He had just made the play which freed the ball; yet he got off his backside to take part again when he was absolutely shattered." It was, indeed, a big game for Dallaglio, but no more so than for such players as Scott Gibbs and Jenkins, two Welshmen who may well have pencilled their names into the XV for the first international.

Jenkins has openly admitted his disappointment not to have had more opportunities, but building on his 24 minutes as a replacement against Gauteng, when he scored two critical goals, he has nearly made himself indispensable as a kicker. Not only did he score 24 points — he missed only twice — but he was also responsible for restarts and drop-outs, where he is far more reliable than Townsend.

The combination of these two at full back and stand-off half is not ideal because of Jenkins' limitations as a line-breaking runner, but it may be the best that these Lions have.

"Natal were short of six players, so we won't go overboard about scoring 40 points against them," Martin John-

son, the Lions captain, said pertinently. Here, the Lions did not play the fluid game that they have sought so far because Natal dominated possession initially and chose to play a more laboured game.

Lawless put his side ahead briefly with his first two

penalty goals either side of one by Jenkins, but Townsend's dropped goal brought equality and he then followed through a chip by Wood — who was

blatantly late-tackled by Le Roux for his efforts — for the first of the Lions' three tries.

Lawless and Jenkins exchanged penalty goals before the interval, but thereafter Jenkins was given all the kicking practise that he required, four goals in succession being disrupted only by Lawless when the front rows

for the first time, went down. Another referee might even have awarded a penalty

try when Natal's scrum col-

lapsed five metres out.

Instead, the tries came via the more conventional route.

The Lions forwards drove and Townsend, recognising space

brilliantly, kicked for Catt, a replacement for Bateman, to beat Payne to the touchdown.

Evans created space for Hill

and Catt to combine on the left

before the Lions applied the final constricting squeeze,

surging down the right before Dawson released Dallaglio to complete the destruction.

SCORERS: Natal Sharks: Penalty goals: Lawrence, 1; Brian Townsend, 2; Catt, 1; Dallaglio, 2; Conversions: Jenkins, 3; Penalty goals: Jenkins, 6; Dropped goal: Townsend.

BRITISH ISLES XV: G Lawless, S Evans, J Townsend, P Evans, R Catt, S Connelly, S du Preez, R Heerden, J Allen, A-J le Roux, W du Plessis, T du Plessis, N Weinger, J Shad, W Evans (captain), D Kiese, Van Heerden replaced by M Dawson (Northern), 30; Le Roux replaced by J Smil (17).

BRITISH ISLES XV: N Jenkins (Pontypool and Wales), I Evans (Llanelli and Wales), A Bateman (Cardiff and Wales), S Gibbs (Glamorgan and Wales), S du Plessis (Scotland), G Townsend (Northern), S Connelly and Scotland), G Townsend (Northern), G Heerden (Scotland), R Howley (Cardiff and Wales), T Smith (Wales), S Evans and Scotland, J Allen (Cardiff and Wales), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), J Dallaglio (Cardiff and England), M Johnson (Leicester and England, captain), S Shaw (Leicester), P Evans (Cardiff and Wales), R Catt (Cardiff and Wales), E Miller (Leicester and Ireland), Howley replaced by M Dawson (Northern), 13; Bateman replaced by M Dawson (Northern), 13; Catt replaced by J Leonard (Cardiff and Wales), 13; Shad replaced by J Leonard (Cardiff and Wales), 13; Evans (Scotland) temporary replacement for Johnson, 23-32; Referred: J Meuwissen (Eastern Province)



Howley leaves the field nursing his injured shoulder

Surgery hits veteran All Black

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MICHAEL JONES, the New Zealand flanker, underwent knee surgery yesterday after suffering a severe injury during the 71-5 victory over Fiji in Auckland on Saturday.

The injury may signal the end of the player's career. At the very least, Jones, the veteran of 51 internationals, is unlikely to play again this season.

Jones, 32, is no stranger to injury, having damaged the same knee against Argentina in 1989. Doctors doubted that he would walk properly again, but Jones, a devout Christian who refuses to play on Sundays, recovered and regained his All Black jersey. "Michael Jones has done so many amazing things coming back from injuries don't write him off," John Hart, the All Black coach, said after the match on Saturday.

Andrew Mehrtens, the stand-off half, suffered a hamstring injury and will also miss the first international against Argentina, in Wellington on Saturday. Taine Randell, of Otago, will be

switched to blind-side flanker, while Carlos Spencer, of Auckland, will make his New Zealand debut.

Hart said that Randell would do as good a job at No 6 as he did on Saturday in the No 8 jersey in place of Zinzan Brooke. "No one is going to fill Michael Jones's shoes," Hart said. "It is an impossibility: he is a player apart in the game; but Taine is someone this panel has a lot of faith in."

Canada won the Pacific Rim championship for the second successive year by defeating Japan 42-18 in Vancouver on Saturday. Although all four teams still have one match to play, Canada have an insurmountable five-point lead over the United States.

Canada scored 31 points in the second half after trailing 13-11 at the interval, wearing down the Japanese resistance with wave after wave of forward drives that eventually opened gaps for the backs.

Gareth Rees, the captain, scored two tries, converted three and added two penalty goals to give him a championship total of 75 points. Other try-scorers for Canada were Mike James, Scott Stewart, David Lougheed and Scott Bryan. Japan's scorers were Ota, Iwabuchi and Nakamura, with tries, and Iwabuchi, with a penalty goal.

Pat Parfey, the Canada coach, said that, at half-time, he told his players "to relax, not to make turnovers and that the opportunities would come". They did.

Breakaway tries end Irish hopes

THE counter-attacking brilliance of Western Samoa overwhelmed the Ireland Development XV in Aiaia yesterday. The Irish, who led 25-23 at half-time, were beaten 57-25, conceding four converted tries when the Samoans elected to run the ball from their own try-line.

Pat Whelan, the Ireland manager, said, however, that his side had played well and only a lack of clinical finishing prevented the match being a closely-run affair.

"It was just the manner of the defeat that was disappointing, because we played exceptionally well and conceded 28 points from their line," he said.

"It was quite delicately poised until about ten minutes into the second half, when they got the breakaway scores which made all the difference. We had constructed all those attacking situations but then they broke away and turned it into points, so it was a kind of double whammy."



Jones: knee injury

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TRIATHLON

Windsor victory brings Smith welcome comfort

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ON A morning when two recent converts to triathlon made their presence felt, there was still no denying Spencer Smith, Great Britain's former world champion, the loudest fanfare in the PepsiMax Royal Windsor race yesterday. Smith proved a comfortable winner, though that may be an inappropriate way of describing how he felt.

For the second season in succession, Smith's participation in his only British triathlon of the year looked in doubt. He was knocked off his bike while training on Friday, suffering cuts and bruises to an elbow and thigh. The timing of his misfortune was reminiscent of last year when, shortly before the Longleat triathlon, he fell down some stairs and withdrew.

While Smith was not sufficiently badly hurt to give serious consideration to pulling out yesterday, his bandaged right elbow beneath his wetsuit restricted his swimming stroke. The effect of

and Eton College, this was triathlon wearing its Sunday best. The swim takes place in the Thames, followed by a ride through picturesque Berkshire villages and Windsor Great Park. The run goes along Eton Bridge and Eton High Street.

The event takes in 900 years of British history. John Lunt, the race director, said: "Unfortunately, the river has been there a long time, too. 'Don't drink the water.' Lunt shouted to competitors as the race was about to start. The athletes laughed, at least those who had not drunk from the Thames before. 'Make a deliberate attempt not to drink it,' he insisted.

Smith, after recent victories in St Croix, in the Virgin Islands, and San Diego, where he lives now, was introduced as 'Hounslow boy done well'. Richard Allen is now training in Florida and a full-time professional. As a relative newcomer, his progress has been brisk. Sixth after the ride, Allen pursued Smith doggedly through the run to finish second, recording 1hr 53min 32sec to the winner's 1hr 52min 52sec.

While Simon Lessing, the world champion, and Smith have kept Britain in the forefront of global success, the indications are that Allen may be on his way to increasing to three the nation's membership of the elite. He, like Smith, was not entirely happy with his performance. "I kept getting cramp," he said.

Smith said: "Maybe not this year or next year, but, in two or three years, Richard is going to be up there with me and Simon. He is a strong guy." Allen will be delighted to hear encouragement from such a revered source.

"I suppose Spencer has always been my idol," Allen said. "He is so professional in the way he trains, looks after sponsors and leads his life. I am trying to model my career on his." Perhaps beat him one day? "At the Olympics would be nice."

Allen's next opportunity will be at the European championships next month, when both will be medal contenders. "Two years ago at Windsor he beat me by three minutes, so it is coming down all the time," Allen said.

Until he was tempted into triathlon by watching his father, Allen's sporting stage was a rugby pitch, playing for Yorkshire Schools Under-9s. "I was never good enough to make it higher than that," Allen, now 23, said. "I went to watch my dad do a triathlon and it looked good fun."

Like Allen, Sian Brice was successful in another sport. Victory in the women's race yesterday was a quick return on the investment that West Merchant Bank, her employer, has made in her. It has agreed to give her a five-month sabbatical every year up to the 2000 Olympics, to concentrate on triathlon.

As Sian Pilling, Brice was the fastest of the non-qualifiers for the 1986 Commonwealth

Smith strides past Windsor Castle on his way to victory

having been shaken up also told on his performance.

After the 1,500-metre swim and 40-kilometre ride, Smith set out on the ten-kilometre run in fifth place. "Where's Spencer? He must have crashed," one spectator observed, summing up the general surprise that Smith, the 1993 and 1994 world champion, was not forcing the pace as the leading riders turned into the transition park.

Not until the run did Smith take a stranglehold. On the first of three laps, he moved into the lead by 21 seconds. "A crash is not the best preparation for a race and I'm sure it took strength out of me," Smith said, "but true champions can win when they are not 100 per cent."

Smith's determination was partly to do with this being his favourite British race, near to where he was brought up, and especially enjoyable for its unique scenery.

As the sun shone on a backdrop of Windsor Castle

BOWLS

Cornwall embarrass England selectors

BY DAVID RHYNS JONES

CORNWALL, who were not represented in the England international trial last month, sent a clear message to the national selectors when they swept past Gloucestershire, at Carmarthen, for their second win in two matches in the Middleton Cup.

County officials expressed their disappointment when not one player from the county was included in the trial, but their words were not as eloquent as the form shown by Cornwall's men, led by Duncan Hayne, who skipped his rink to a 32-17 victory.

It will not have escaped the Cornishmen's notice that Tony Alcock, Andy Wills and Les Gillett, three of Gloucestershire's skips, will be in the England team at Worthing in a couple of weeks, and that the county side is selected, coached and captained by Alcock. They were no match for the dogged Cornish, who won 13-11, the last straw for Gloucestershire being a narrow defeat for Alcock's own rink by Peter Gilbert's. Surrey and Norfolk, mak-

ing their first appearances this summer, collected encouraging victories against Berkshire and Cambridgeshire, respectively, while Sussex and Middlesex, who each lost last week, finished level, 123-123, at Worthing Pavilion.

Although one of the Middlesex players had gone home, an extra end was played, but was then discounted. Middlesex had won on four of the six rinks and, with five points for a tie, and two points for each winning rink, were declared the winners by 13 points to nine.

Bill Curran, of Manchester, who brought a gold medal back from the Paralympics in Atlanta last year, edged home 21-20 against Richard Farrah, of Nottingham, in the final of the British wheelchair championship at Stoke Mandeville. Penny Tyler, from Coventry, notched up a double, winning the women's singles, and with Mary Ralls, of Bristol, the pairs. Colin Ritchie, the Northern Ireland champion, won the tetraplegic singles title.



Race officials watch from a boat as competitors set out on their 1,500-metre swim in the Thames, the first leg of the Royal Windsor triathlon

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Chris McGrath meets a master American rider turning pupil for Royal Ascot

Stevens enrolling in course of study

There is nothing quite like \$12.7 million for relieving tedium, with the possible exception of \$12.8 million. Somewhere between the two is the amount of prize-money accumulated by the 164 winners Gary Stevens rode last year, to finish fifth in the American jockeys' championship.

Racing in the United States is a treadmill of similar left-hand circuits. There are huge prizes on offer, but routine can numb the soul. Stevens, 34, has a lively, questing nature and is intent on enriching the closing years of a brilliant career in a rather different sense. He can declare, with a

RICHARD EVANS

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Thunder gave four winners at York on Saturday, including Return Of Amin (11-1) and Relies Rooster (6-5), while The Times' Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard) top-rated Shakes (100-30) to Lester



PHIL SMITH

privilege not everybody is privileged to share, that there is more to life than money.

So it is that he is making a ten-day visit to Europe, centred on the billowing pageantry of Royal Ascot — and laying the foundations for a longer stay some time in the future.

Before warming up at Sandown on Saturday, Stevens had ridden in Britain only once, at Newmarket ten years ago. "I was drawn in the middle of a field of 39. On my right, Pat Eddery said: 'Which way are you going, mate?' I looked at him, and back at the track. In front of me stretched

out this long, straight course, rails meeting on the horizon. I mean, did I have a choice? Then the gates opened, half the field went left, the other half right, and I suddenly found myself alone in the middle."

It was an insight into the unmechanical variety of racing in Europe, at a time when Stevens was pondering a job with André Fabre. In the event, he stayed at home and promptly won the Kentucky Derby on Winning Colors. But in a sense he has been increasingly reverting to that lone, independent run in the middle. For he boasts — in addition to resounding domestic success — the grateful esteem of the most influential figures in the global sport.

Stevens is sympathetic to the patient rhythm of racing in Europe, objecting that the American sport is heller-sketter, sapping the young horse of the ability to "finish" a race. His aspirations here also reflect a devotion to the role model provided by Steve Cauthen, who became an admired champion of Britain racing after partnering Af-

terburn to Triple Crown success in 1978. "Watching that was what made me fall in love with the sport. Here was a 17-year-old kid on the cover of Time. He had a big impact on my career and goals."

The calm and articulate Cauthen was never consumed by his precocious talent, and Stevens, likewise, seems a rounded and engaging character. All the same, he would have loved to arrive on these shores having freshly enhanced the symmetry of their riding careers. As it was, he was caught in the shadow of the post on Silver Charm in the Belmont Stakes, the final leg, nine days ago — having stretched heroically for the first Triple Crown since Af-

terburn. "Silver Charm lit a fire that hasn't been there since 1978," he reflected. "The most disheartening thing was that he ran the race of his life, only to lose out strides from the post. But at least I could wake up and think: now England. Always new goals."

"When I went to Hong Kong two years ago, it was the greatest learning experience I ever had. That late in my career, it was a taste that gave me hunger."

Ascot is probably the toughest meeting in the world. I just want to enjoy the atmosphere, to be competing. I like to consider myself a student of racing, and this week is going to be an honour and an education.

Perhaps so, but one can equally well imagine Stevens teaching the locals a thing or two. Rest assured, with the winning post in sight, there will be nothing sentimental about this education.

First Island dies from colic

THE lurid fashions at Royal Ascot tomorrow will strike a merrily inappropriate note for Geoff Wragg, who yesterday lost one of his best servants. First Island (Chris McGrath), the crack miler was killed by an attack of colic, probably brought on by stress associated with the major surgery that was required after he fractured a cannon-bone on the Newmarket gallops 12 days ago.

First Island, tough and progressive, won the opening Queen Anne Stakes at last year's meeting, before going on to win the group one Sussex Stakes and — in what proved to be his final run and probably his best — last month's Lockinge Stakes.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

York

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EQUESTRIANISM: AUSTRALIAN REPELS TODD'S CHALLENGE WITH FAULTLESS SHOWJUMPING PERFORMANCE

Chance meeting puts Hoy in the clear

By JENNY MACARTHUR

ANDREW HOY, a team gold medal-winner at the past two Olympic Games, yesterday became the first Australian to win the Bramham International Horse Trials after leading from start to finish on his chance ride, *Swizzle In*. Hoy, who first sat on Gina Flood's 12-year-old gelding two weeks ago, completed a clear round in the rain-soaked showjumping phase to win by 3.2 points.

In the most illustrious line-up in the 24-year history of the event, Mark Todd, of New Zealand, a dual Olympic gold medal-winner, took second place on Giuseppe Verrone's *Broadcast News* and Matt Ryan, Australia's 1992 Olympic individual gold-medallist, finished third on his exciting new international prospect *Walking on Water*, a former racehorse.

The best Brion was Leslie Law on *Perryfields George*.

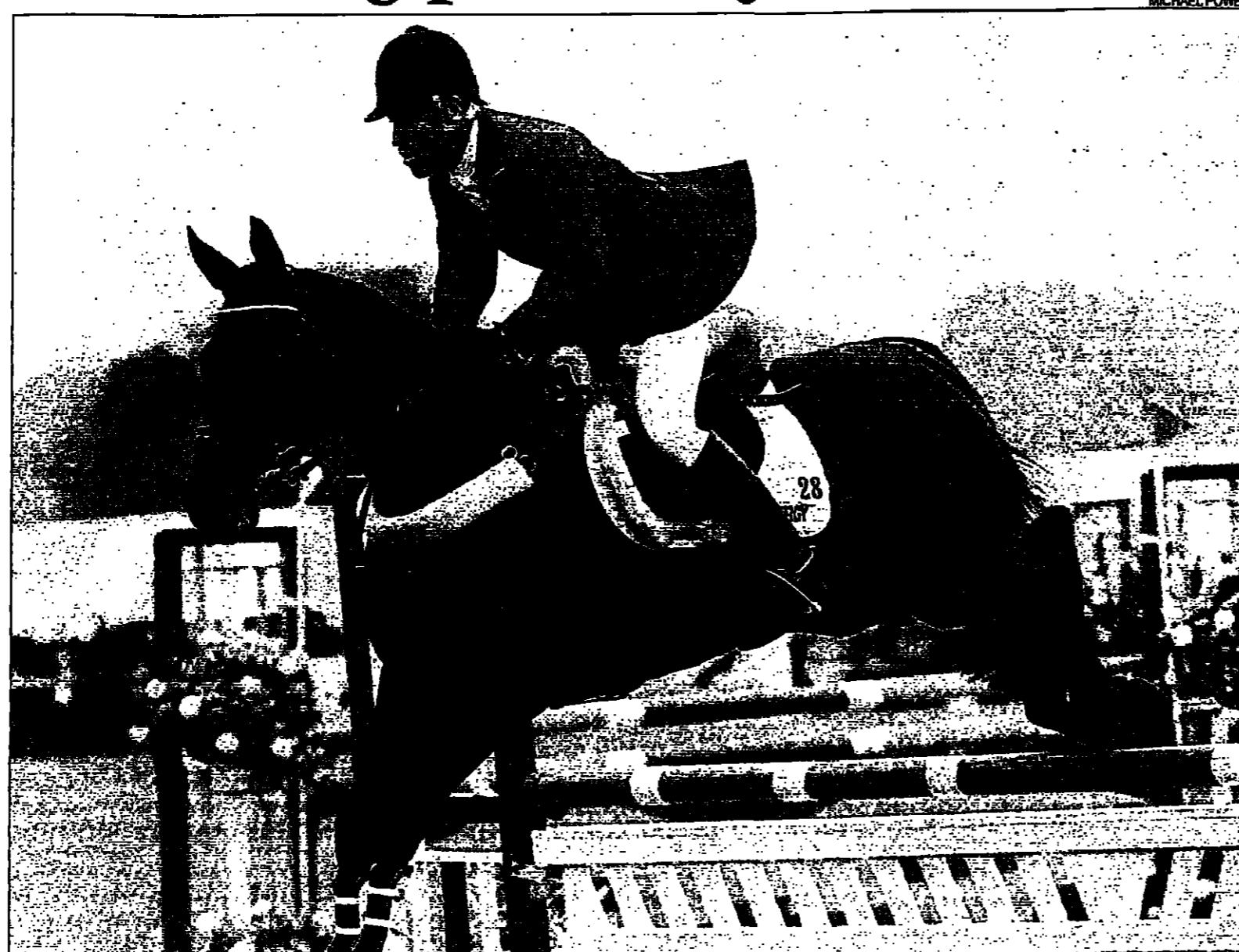
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who had been in third place overnight, but dropped to seventh after incurring 15 faults in the showjumping.

Hoy, 38, who is based in Wiltshire, was invited to ride *Swizzle In* when Flood had to return to her native Bermuda unexpectedly. She had to retire the horse from the Punchestown event last month after a mistake at the water.

Despite only one cross-country "school" before the event, Hoy completed a clear round over Mark Phillips' acclaimed cross-country course on Saturday. Yesterday, when he had to go clear to retain first place, he displayed his horsemanship with a masterly round in which the 12-year-old gelding appeared to meet each of the 12 fences on a perfect stride.

Todd acquired *Broadcast News* — a 14-year-old gelding not unlike *Charisma*, his



Hoy guides *Swizzle In* towards the serene clear round that secured a narrow victory in the Bramham International Horse Trials yesterday

only woman rider in the top eight after finishing eighth on *Too Smart*. Dixon, who had to withdraw the 11-year-old gelding from Badminton last month because he was suffering from corns, seems certain to be added to the longlist for the European championships in September. *Too Smart* confirmed his accuracy across

country, taking the quick routes everywhere except at Fence 14, The Bull Pen. Yesterday he had just one mistake. Earlier, Julie Robinson, 21, gained the biggest success of her career when she won the *Yorkshire Post* Young Riders' Championship on the thoroughly Irish Skater after only a handful of clear

rounds in the showjumping. Her win came at the expense of Jamie Atkinson, a Nottingham University student, who was in the lead at the start of the showjumping on Saleroose but made an expensive mistake at the first fence.

Robinson had thought there was "no way" she would even get round the cross-country

course when she first saw it but succeeded in going clear, taking all but one of the quicker, more difficult, routes. The exception, Fence 8, proved one of the most influential obstacles, its most notable victim being Ian Stark on his chance ride, *Positive Rain*, who had a dramatic fall there.

MOTOR SPORT: HEARTBREAK FOR PORSCHE AS ALBORETO TAKES CHEQUERED FLAG IN THRILLING FINISH AT LE MANS

Menu still pulling away from the field

Kellenerers hopes go up in flames

FROM KEVIN EASON
IN LE MANS

THE Auto Trader RAC touring car championship yesterday produced a race filled with unrelenting on-track excitement, a touch of controversy — and a smidgeon of chaos.

For once, Alain Menu, from Switzerland, the runaway series leader, was under pressure. His Williams-built Renault Laguna started both races from pole position, but he took up the first of these in a cloying drizzle and was promptly swamped by the superior traction of the four-wheel drive Audis of Frank Biela, the defending champion, and John Bintcliffe.

Menu stormed back to take second place, but Biela, of Germany, remained out of reach to score his second win of the season. The skies cleared for the second start and Menu was expected to breeze to his eighth victory from 12 races.

Instead, he made a rare mistake that allowed the Volvo S40 of Kelvin Burt, the local driver, and the Honda Accord

of Gabriele Tarquini, the 1994 champion, into first and second places, respectively. They were deemed to have jumped the start, though, and were hit by 10-second stop-and-go penalties. That was the controversy. The chaos arrived when Tarquini, who was now leading, peeled into the pits to accept his penalty.

He did so at the conclusion of a safety car period, in which the cars slow down and bunch up to allow wreckage to be removed from the track. No driver is allowed to overtake before the safety car withdraws and the start line is crossed to begin the next lap. The leader never crossed it, though, and a briefly confused Menu hesitated and caused a multifaceted, nose-to-tail accident.

The glory and winner's garland went, instead, to a Porsche prototype, driven by Michele Alboreto, the former Formula One driver, of Italy.

Only 17 of the 48 cars that started made it to the end of the race. For the unluckiest,

the marathon was little more than a sprint, particularly for many of the British challengers. BRM, the Norfolk-based team, managed to last just more than 24 minutes before giving up the ghost. The Marcos 600LM got through 1hr 27min and 7hr 20min before their annual outing was over.

The two Panoz cars that

were being followed for television by Noel Edmunds could not last the pace either, though their "Batmobile" styling and rumbling Ford V8 engines entertained the British contingent in the crowd.

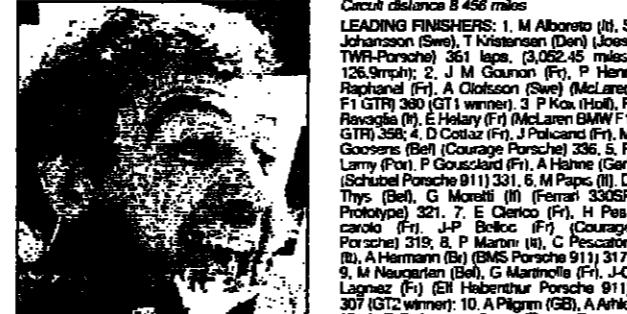
Edmunds was actually the fuel mechanic in the pits, but was able to hang up his helmet and fireproof overalls as the last of the Panoz cars ground to a halt yesterday morning.

There was little joy either

for Martin Brundle, the former Formula One driver, who gave up his ITV commentary seat yesterday to drive in the extremely fast new Nissan R390, built by TWR in Leamfield, Oxfordshire.

Brundle took off looking like a contender, even getting into the first three places early on, until the car developed gearbox problems. Apparently, a tiny solder on the oil cooler melted and brought the Nissan to a dead stop after 12hr 24min. It must have been too much for Tom Walkinshaw, the TWR owner, who took to his private plane to watch his Arrows Formula One team compete in the Canadian Grand Prix.

He should have stayed, though, for Kellenerers' retirement meant that the TWR Porsche, whose chassis comes from Walkinshaw's factory, was able to take over the lead. The sports prototype had lurked menacingly, waiting for the GT1 to fail and, when it did, there was no catching up from the Gulf McLaren and Schnitzer McLaren a couple of laps adrift.



Alboreto: won by one lap

POLO

Mechanics blow away Windward

THE Mechanics carried off the Cooch Behar Cup at Midhurst, Sussex, yesterday, beating Windward 11-7 over five chukkas (John Watson writes).

Mike Rutherford's team owed their superiority to their more forceful attacking element. Pivoted on Alan Kent, the all-England six-goaler, this squad also fielded a pair of dashing forwards in Adrian Wade and, in the No 1 slot, Oliver Taylor, who is partly under-handicapped.

For Windward, Juan Bollini and Lord Charles Beresford played a clever, mutually supportive game. However, both of them were penalised for disputing umpires' decisions, Beresford being sent off the pitch for half a chukka.

The last chukka opened with the Mechanics firmly in control and leading 11-4. However, Bollini, having been rather wild with his hitting earlier in the game, scored three goals without reply from the Mechanics to reduce considerably Windward's deficit.

MECHANICS: 1, O Taylor (3), 2, A Wade (5); 3, A Kent (6), back, M Rutherford (1).

CYCLING

Dangerfield fashions speedy drop to victory

By PETER BRYAN

STUART DANGERFIELD, in his first race since winning the national 25-mile championship two weeks ago, made a 60mph descent of Snaefell to pull back lost time and win the Manx international time-trial over one lap of the 37.75-mile TT circuit yesterday.

"It was a bit hairy," was an understatement of his speedy drop down to the finishing line in Douglas, but it was necessary. He had barely caught the words of a roadside helper, telling him that he was three seconds down on Andrew Roche, Manx-born but now an Irish citizen, at the summit of Snaefell (2,036 feet) after the five-mile climb from Ramsey.

Dangerfield knew that Roche, whose father, Brian, won the event in 1969, was among a handful of his top rivals. The fact that Roche had previously finished in second place on four occasions meant that Dangerfield was only too aware that he had a real battle on his hands.

Once over the mountain summit, however, Dangerfield put in a do-or-die effort as he plunged through the twisting road at Windy Corner, Keppel Gate, Greg ny

Baa, Brandish Corner and Signpost Corner.

Last year he "lost" the race at Governor's Bridge, missing the hairpin and having to stop and retrace his steps to finish second, nine seconds behind Antony Langella, of France, but not yesterday. He pulled back the deficit on Roche to win by six seconds in 1hr 27min 57sec, and, in the process, recorded the third fastest ride in the history of the event.

Matthew Postle, of Wales, was third and, completing a British Isles clean sweep, Stewart Duff, of Scotland, took fourth place. Christophe Morel, of France, provided the best of the overseas challenge, finishing seventh.

Dangerfield returns home today to prepare for his next test, the British 50-mile championship, near Crawley, on Sunday, in which he has been the runner-up on three occasions.

Harry Walker, a bronze

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SQUASH

Eyles succumbs to Egyptian curse

From COLIN MCQUILLAN IN CAIRO

PLAYING a home favourite is never an easy task for any sportsman, but, when the opponent is Ahmed Barada, 19, the volatile Egyptian, and the venue an open-air court at the foot of the great pyramids of Giza, the challenge reaches epic proportions.

When those two forces converged on Rodney Eyles, the world No 2, from Australia, last year in the quarter-finals of the Al Ahram international championships, he subsided meekly. This year, when fate dictated a rematch at the same stage of the tournament, he was determined to be less obliging.

The job of keeping control of Barada, whose abrasive style of play is never more in evidence than when playing in front of his passionate home crowd, fell to Nasser Zahran, a compatriot and referee whose career as a player was hallmark by many uncompromising performances.

Zahran made 120 decisions during Barada's 88-minute

FORTHCOMING COMPANY GOLF DAYS

The companies listed have registered their golf day for the 1997 Challenge. The top four individual scorers on the day will form the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

13 JUN	AEP (STEEL FABRICATIONS) LIMITED	ERLESTOKE SANDS	160
13 JUN	ABP (PENRITH)	THE DAMS GOLF CLUB	50
13 JUN	AUKETT ASSOCIATES	FINCHLEY	50
13 JUN	BALNEW PRECOURT ENGINEERS LTD	THURSTON LODGE	48
13 JUN	CUSTOMBLEND INGREDIENTS LTD	WELLINGBOROUGH	36
13 JUN	DEFENCE EQUIPMENT	SCOBURGH HILL	80
13 JUN	H W FISHER & COMPANY	ABRIDGE	60
13 JUN	H P PARTNERS	WENTWORTH GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	26
13 JUN	MCCLURE WATTERS	MALONE	60
13 JUN	MORRIS COMPANY LIMITED	WENTWORTH GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	48
13 JUN	PHILCOX BROTHERS LTD	LEWES	50
13 JUN	RESERVEUR MANAGEMENT LIMITED	REINMAYER	40
13 JUN	SMITH FLOW CONTROL LTD	BENTON HALL	30
13 JUN	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	HIGHGATE	48
14 JUN	MIDWEST COMPUTER CONSULTANTS LTD	KINGSTON	60
15 JUN	APPLIED COMMUNICATIONS UNLIMITED	SCEDDISH MANOR	18
16 JUN	CITROËN UK LTD	MACHRIE	15
16 JUN	ROSS HALL HOSPITAL	POLLOX	48
16 JUN	SCIENTIFIC AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS LTD	MOON PARK	40
17 JUN	HERIBRAMS LACE MAKER	THE WILMSLOW	90
17 JUN	COUTTS & CO	NORTH HANTS	45
17 JUN	FC FERREIRA & PARTNERS	MANNINGHEM HEATH	40
17 JUN	FIBERNET GROUP PLC	HELLDON LAKES	30
17 JUN	FLAIR	KINGS NORTON	56
17 JUN	GENERAL SIGNAL NETWORK LIMITED	MOOR PARK	45
17 JUN	MCCREATH SIMPSON & PRENTICE	THE HIRSEL	88
17 JUN	MEESPIERSON JV	BROCKETT HALL	40
17 JUN	THE CROSSROADS GROUP	SAND INDOOR	68
18 JUN	AVON RUBBER PLC	BOWOOD	90
18 JUN	DELORTE & TOUCHE	MILLBRE	50
18 JUN	FIBERNET GROUP PLC	ST MARGARETS	29
18 JUN	LLOYDS BANK COMMERCIAL SERVICES	WEST MALLING	55
18 JUN	MAN TRUCK & BUS UK LTD	STOKE POGES	32
18 JUN	MORRISON POWER LIMITED	CRIEFF	38
18 JUN	SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN	WORLESON	20
18 JUN	WIZARDS SOLICITORS	BERKHAMSTED	50
19 JUN	ACS CATERING SUPPLIES LTD	HELLDON LAKES	60
19 JUN	GEOPHYSIC PARTNERSHIP	BISHOP AUCKLAND	27
19 JUN	HADLEIGH CASTINGS LTD	HINTLESHAM HALL	120
19 JUN	JOHN HENRY CLARK LTD	EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL	40
19 JUN	LE & PRIESTLEY SOLICITORS	RUDGEE PARK	40
19 JUN	OCEANROUTE LTD	KENMAY	24
19 JUN	SHAW & CO LIMITED	MENTMORE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	72
19 JUN	THE ROBINSON GROUP	OTLEY	44
19 JUN	URENCO LIMITED	HARLEYFORD	20
19 JUN	VEALE WARBROOK	BOWOOD	50
19 JUN	WHITE YOUNG	WOODSOME HALL	45
20 JUN	FIBERNET GROUP PLC	THE GLEDOCH	29
20 JUN	GEORF HALL ASSOCIATES	QUEENSBURY	24
20 JUN	LEVER BROTHERS (TEAM DAZON)	CARDEN PARK	85
20 JUN	MULTICORE SOLDERS LTD	KINROSS	30
20 JUN	NEWWEST - CITY OF LONDON OFFICE	WINDLESHAM	40
20 JUN	NESTLE UK LTD	STOKE POGES	48
20 JUN	WICS SPORTS ASSOCIATION	LURGAN	100
20 JUN	PAUL DAVIDSON TAYLOR	SUNFOLD PARK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	70
20 JUN	PEZER	ETCHINGSHILL	40
20 JUN	TASSA LTD	SANDFORD SPRINGS	40

Alternative construction avoids anomaly

Jenks v Dickinson (Inspector of Taxes)Before Mr Justice Neuberger
Judgment May 7

The natural meaning of a deeming provision in the capital gains tax legislation that gave rise to an undoubted anomaly, fairly identified as an injustice, could be disregarded in favour of an alternative construction that avoided the anomaly.

Thus section 139(1) of the Finance Act 1989 was not to be construed as having the result that a capital gain enjoyed by a taxpayer on disposing of shares was to be treated as not giving rise to a charge to tax.

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Maurice Jenks, from a determination of a special commissioner that had upheld in principle assessments to capital gains tax for the years 1986-87 of £478,110, for 1991-92 of £41,710 and for 1992-93 of £2,480.

Section 139 of the 1989 Act amended section 64, in Chapter III of Part II, of the Finance Act 1984, exemption from capital gains tax for qualifying corporate bonds, by providing: "(1) In relation to disposals on or after March 14, 1989 Chapter III of Part II shall have effect subject to the following provisions of this section (and, in relation to such disposals, those provisions shall be regarded as always having had effect).

(2) In subsection (2) of section 64 (which defines 'corporate bond'...

paragraph (a) shall be omitted."

Mr Christopher McCall, QC, instructed by K. Richards & Co, accountants, for the taxpayer, Mr Michael Furness for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that in 1974 the taxpayer had acquired 840,000 £1 shares in Paterson Jenks Ltd. In June 1984 an investment company took over Paterson Jenks, the taxpayer receiving unsecured loan stock, the loan notes, in exchange for his shares. Between 1984 and 1987 the taxpayer disposed of some of his loan notes, but nothing turned on that.

In January 1987 the taxpayer exchanged the balance of his loan notes for non-voting shares in the investment company in the context of a share reorganisation. Thereafter in 1991-92 the taxpayer disposed of some of the non-voting stock. The question that arose was how his liability to capital gains tax in respect of those disposals was to be assessed.

Two exceptions to the general scheme of the tax were relevant. For certain types of asset were treated as being outside the ambit of the tax in particular by section 67(1) of the Finance Act 1979 Act gilt-edged securities.

Second, certain types of transaction, the most common type being a share reorganisation or takeover, were not treated as disposals, the new asset being treated as the same as the old. section 78 of the 1979 Act.

By section 64 of the Finance Act 1984 the exemption accorded to gilt-edged securities was extended to bonds issued by companies

provided that certain requirements were satisfied. Schedule 13 to that Act was enacted to deal with injustices and inconsistencies from the interrelationship of section 78 of the 1979 Act and the new section 67(1). Section 139(2) of the 1989 Act widened the class of bonds which would constitute qualifying corporate bonds by deleting one of the section 64 requirements.

At the times of the 1984 and 1987 disposals the loan notes were not qualifying corporate bonds, not satisfying the section 64 requirements. However, the loan notes would have been qualifying bonds with effect from March 14, 1989, because of section 139(2).

The taxpayer contended that on the proper construction of section 139(1) and on the application of the legislation when analysed, any capital gain which the taxpayer actually enjoyed on the shares between March 1982 (see section 46 of the Finance Act 1988) and June 25, 1984, was not to be treated as a chargeable gain and would not therefore be chargeable to tax.

Mr McCall accepted that that was an anomaly. It contradicted the evident purpose of the statutory provisions, namely, that capital gains made on qualifying corporate bonds should be exempt from tax, whereas capital gains made on shares should be subject to tax.

In such circumstances principle, common sense, required the court to accept that the court was "inferred, and indeed bound, to discard the ordinary meaning... and adopt some other possible meaning... which will produce a

reasonable result"; see *Lake v IRC* [1963] AC 557, 579-580.

The contention advanced by the Crown, which had not been submitted to the commissioner, involved qualifying the second, retrospective part of section 139(1). When Mr Furness described as a deeming provision.

He contended that the deeming provision could not operate if its consequences were hypothetically to cause a disposal before March 14, 1989, when no disposal in fact occurred, and then to apply the first part of section 139(1).

Mr Furness was correct. Section 139(1) required one to make retrospective assumptions as to how earlier transactions were to be treated.

The observations of Mr Justice Peter Gibson in the Court of Appeal in *Marshall v Kerr*, approved by Lord Brown-Wilkinson [1995] 1 AC 148, 164, indicated that when considering the extent to which one could do some violence to the words and whether one could discard the ordinary meaning, one could, indeed, one should, take into account the fact that one was construing a deeming provision.

That was not to say that normal principles of construction sometimes ceased to apply. It was more that, by its very nature, a deeming provision involved artificial assumptions. It would frequently be necessary to expect the legislature to be able satisfactorily to prescribe the precise limit to the circumstances in which, the artificial assumptions were to be made.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Alteration destroys effect of mutual wills

In re Hobley, deceased
Before Mr Charles Aldous, QC
Judgment May 23

If testators had made mutual wills but the first testator died having made a minor but insignificant alteration to his will, the second testator was not bound by the agreement but could leave the entire estate uninhibited by the terms of the mutual wills.

Mr Charles Aldous, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on an originating summons issued by the National Westminster Bank plc, executor of the will of Anne Hobley deceased, against Anne Twentyman, representing all those interested under a 1975 will with the original legatees; Dr Gerald Taylor and Mary Holden, representing those interested under a 1992 will; the charities, and Roderick James Blythe, who had been devised No 65 Russel Terrace, Leamington Spa under the 1975 will but by the time of the hearing had compromised his claim.

Mr Simon Taube for the executor, bank; Mr Charles Williams for the original legatees; Mr Vivian Chapman for the charities.

Indignation insufficient to affect interests

Regina v Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority and Another, Ex parte Littlewoods Pension Trust Ltd
Before Mr Justice Lightman
Judgment May 18

The interests of the members of a pension scheme within section 99(4)(a)(ii) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 meant the interest which the members had as contributors to and recipients of benefits under the scheme. The interest had to be one which could be prejudiced by a payment by a trustee and would ordinarily be financial but in quite exceptional circumstances the interest might be wider.

The financial interest of members was capable of being prejudiced by a payment which materially affected the size of the fund or any surplus in it. However, the members had no interest within section 99(4)(a)(ii) merely because the making of a payment by the trustees might occasion their righteous indignation.

HIS LORDSHIP said that on December 4, 1975 Mr and Mrs Hobley executed mutual wills each in favour of the other if surviving with substitutionary gifts to common beneficiaries. No 65 was devised to Mr Blythe and there were 11 pecuniary legacies, eight of which were entitled to the residuary estate according to the amount of their legacy.

Some time later Mr Hobley executed a codicil to his will revoking the devise of No 65 to Mr Blythe and left it as part of the residuary estate. There was no evidence as to the reason for that change or whether Mrs Hobley knew of or consented to it.

On Mr Hobley's death on January 13, 1980 Mrs Hobley inherited the entire estate including No 65.

On March 13, 1992 Mrs Hobley executed a will which was substantially different to the 1975 will and left the residue to charity. She died on May 23, 1993.

There was no doubt that the wills had been valid mutual wills. If Mr Hobley had died leaving a will in conformity with the agreement the court would have intervened and imposed a trust on the survivor. Mrs Hobley's estate, to prevent her

revoking her 1975 will in breach of the agreement.

The constructive trusts arose immediately on Mr Hobley's death and then only if his testamentary dispositions conformed to the agreement. Revocation by the first testator released the survivor. How significant did the alteration of the will have to be for the survivor to be released?

Mr Gravett submitted that Mr Hobley's execution of the codicil did not amount to a fundamental breach of the 1975 will as it did not affect the testator's own assets.

If provisions had been unilaterally altered the court could not embark on an exercise to assess the degree of unconscionability in the survivor not leaving his estate on the same terms, in deciding whether or not to impose a constructive trust.

Insuperable problems arose if one tried to apply the doctrine of mutual wills to cases where the first testator had unilaterally altered the terms of his will to any significant extent without the other party's consent.

The position could not be affected by whether subjectively the first testator thought he was revoking the agreement, by whether the other party would have consented.

But the fact that he or she took a benefit under the will.

The doctrine of mutual wills was created to bind the survivor, even a subsequent testator, for however long he or she might survive.

Making a will was a formal act.

His Lordship saw no particular objection to the doctrine being confined so as to require any alteration to the mutual wills to have been agreed to by the parties and, where it involved an alteration to both wills, to all the necessary formalities being carried through.

With some hesitation he had come to the conclusion that because of the unilateral alterations made to the mutual will by Mr Hobley's codicil Mrs Hobley was no longer bound to leave her estate either on the terms of the 1975 will or the 1975 will and codicil.

He was comforted by the fact that the changes to her will mostly affected her own relatives and might also in part have been due to some of the original legatees of her party's consent.

He accordingly directed that the bank held the estate on the terms of her last will dated March 13, 1992.

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terms of the will of the first testator or their subjective intentions.

For example, a change in a bequest which might be thought to be insignificant to one might have a real sentimental value to the other. A change in a bequest even though very small, might cause offence to the survivor.

Moreover, it could not matter that the alteration did not personally disadvantage the survivor, nor that the altered gift was to be met out of that testator's own assets.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Albion Electronics, Eurothorn, London & General Recovery IT, London Scottish Bank, Shakespeare International, Finlays, British Steel, London Merchant Securities, Plysys, Wainhomes, Wynnstay Properties, Economics: CBI property trends survey, EU summit, Amsterdam.

TOMORROW

Interims: Cardiff Property, Eurothorn, Firth Rixson, Hill Samuel UK Emerging Companies IT, Hunters Armley Group, Sheriff Holdings, Watson & Philip, Finlays, Atlantic Group, Gresham Post Group, Carpartight, Hazlewood Foods, Mountview Estates, Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers, Stanley Leisure, Thames Water, Tinsley Robor, Wainhomes, PSSR for May, US consumer price index, May, US housing starts for May, US industrial production for May, EU summit, Amsterdam.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: City Site Estates, Helsingborg, Finlays, Masshead Insurance, Sutcliffe Speckman, John Swan, Economics: CBI property trends survey for May, minutes of May 6 UK Monetary Committee, first quarter labour productivity, revised, OECD economic outlook.

THURSDAY

Interims: Securicor, CA Spenari, Usher of Trowbridge, Finlays, Courts, Cox Insurance Holdings, Jarvis Hotels, Metrotel Industries, Pannigan International Capital, Symonds, Economics: Car production for May, predicted M4 and final M4 data for May, British Merchants' Association and Building Societies' Association monthly lending figures, US trade deficit for April.

FRIDAY

Interims: Grainger Trust, Henderson Strata Investments, Fluegas, Banner Homes, Economics: CBI industrial trends survey for June.

TOURIST RATES

Bank Buy	Bank Sell
Australia \$ 2.27	2.11
Austria Sch 20.88	19.31
Belgium Fr 61.41	65.77
Canada \$ 1.29	1.14
Cyprus £ 0.882	0.815
Denmark Kr 11.82	10.50
Finland Mark 9.01	8.31
France Fr 9.20	8.26
Greece Dr 2.99	2.75
Hong Kong \$ 13.89	12.26
Iceland 127	107
Ireland £ 1.19	1.14
Israel Shek 5.21	5.28
Italy Lira 2,945	2,723
Japan Yen 201.40	184.00
Malta £ 0.93	0.87
New Zealand \$ 3.985	3.957
Netherlands Gld 2.82	2.30
Norway Kr 12.41	11.53
Portugal Esc 250.00	277.00
SA Arrears Rd 8.05	7.19
Spain Pts 250.00	225.50
Sweden Kr 13.44	12.41
Switzerland Fr 2.39	2.21
Turkish Lira 246.99	229.10
USA \$ 1.794	1.600

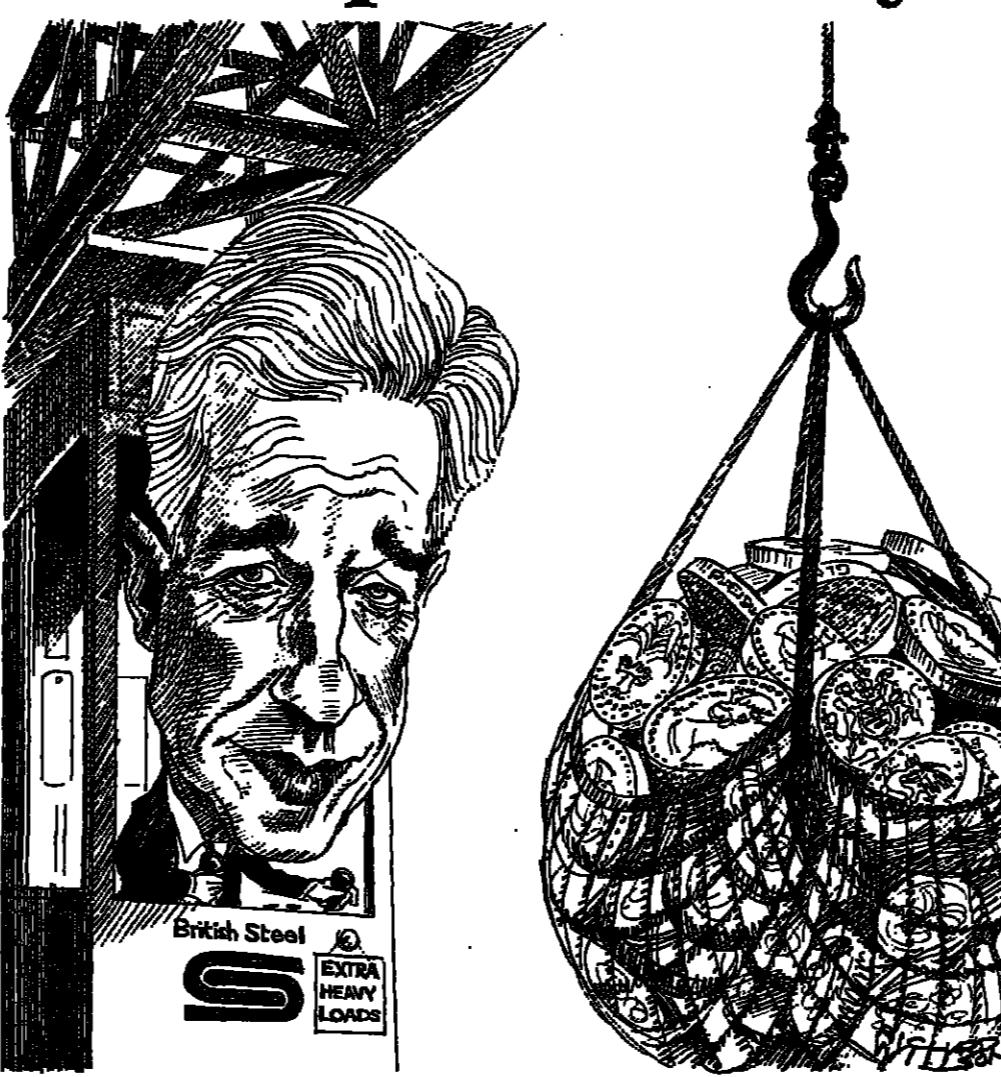
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COMPANIES

MICHAEL CLARK

British Steel pounded by sterling



The strong pound has proved a heavy load to bear for Sir Brian Moffat and British Steel

BRITISH STEEL Full-year figures out later today will reflect the ravages of a strong pound on the group's fortunes. As NatWest Securities, the broker, points out, during the past ten months sterling has appreciated by a quarter against the mark, taking the competitive edge off British Steel's performance when trading abroad. It will also offset any benefit that might have been gained from rising steel prices.

NatWest expects a collapse in pre-tax profits from £1.1 billion to £465 million, with earnings down 68 per cent from 38.2p to 15.8p a share.

There are now signs that European demand and prices are starting to move in the right direction with some positive noises recently from other steel manufacturers such as Usinor and Sacilor. But any benefit to British Steel, whose chairman and chief executive is Sir Brian Moffat, will prove minimal with extra costs dictated by currency factors.

The payout to shareholders is expected to be pegged at 10p although the outlook for future dividend payments may be less certain. Cash cover remains healthy but earnings cover has already dropped to 0.7 times.

THAMES WATER It may have the worst record for leaks among the water companies but this should not detract from another solid performance when the group unveils full-year figures tomorrow. These should show pre-tax profits up almost 20 per cent at £385 million, with earnings up 14 per cent ahead at 84.8p. It follows a better than expected performance at half time and will also reflect the absence of reorganisation costs, which last year reached £95 million. The figures are likely to include a provision of £12 million against the repurchase of convertible bonds. Like all the water companies that have reported so far, the event will be overshadowed by next month's Budget and the windfall tax.

SECURICOR Half-year figures on Thursday are unlikely to contain much in the way of surprises after the group's profits warning in March. Headline pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £46 million, compared with £51 million for the corresponding period last year, with earnings a share down from 5.7p to 4.9p. The profits warning stem-

med from poor subscriber growth at Celinet, the mobile phone operator, which it owns jointly with BT and which now provides the biggest percentage of profits. In addition, Intek, its 64 per cent-owned US radio network operation, is likely to have recorded a £7 million loss, reflecting high start-up costs.

The cellular market remains competitive and this, combined with the high cost of churning and migration, will result in a £3 million loss at Securicor Cellular Services.

A change in accounting policy will produce a first-half write-off of £18 million.

HAZLEWOOD FOODS Growth continues, but modestly. Full-year figures tomorrow

should show further improvement. Brokers have pencilled in pre-tax profits of £35.5 million against £34 million last time. Earnings may be unchanged at 11p. First-half results were marred by a £4.7 million provision relating to the disposal of Charles Turney. Solid performances from groceries and tomatoes were countered by high pork prices and the beef crisis.

More than 50 per cent of sales are taken up by the five big supermarket chains, including Sainsbury's, which has been upgrading its own brand label items. This will have reflected in higher volume growth. But there are still many problems overshadowing the group's performance. These range from tax changes, EU packaging direc-

tives and rising raw materials costs.

CARPETRIGHT If anyone is looking for evidence of a slowdown in the carpet retailer's phenomenal growth rate when full-year figures are revealed tomorrow, they are likely to be confounded.

Carpetright is continuing to baffle the cynics. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £32 million compared with £24.7 million last time, an increase of 30 per cent. Earnings growth will be a little less spectacular, coming in at 27.7p, a rise of 24 per cent. This will be achieved on sales of £252 million, up from £185.3 million last time, with all the evidence pointing to a recovery after the pre-election hiccup.

This growth will come from the 57-strong Depor stores after the breathtaking addition of 46 new stores in the past year alone. Gross margins are likely to have been held at 48.6 per cent.

Brokers will be keeping a close eye on costs and will be relieved if the group issues an upbeat statement on current trading, given the prospect of a slowdown in durable goods sales next year.

Shareholders are likely to be rewarded with a payout of 19p, up from 14.5p last time.

EUROTHERM This process controls group is another that will have felt the harsh effects of a strong pound. Half-year numbers due out tomorrow will reveal a downturn in pre-tax profits from £18.7 million to £15.5 million with earnings share declining from 13.3p to 11.3p.

Exports account for 40 per cent of sales, which are likely to be hovering around the £100 million mark this time. The strong pound will no doubt make a dent in operating margins, which were 17.6 per cent this time last year.

In addition to the currency factors the group will also have had to contend with a slowdown in demand, particularly in Europe.

Despite the shortfall in profitability the group will be loath to cut the dividend and brokers are anticipating an increase in the payout from 4p to 4.3p with a total of 9.6p pencilled in for the year.

COURTS A bumper set of numbers are envisaged when full-year figures emerge on Thursday. Joan D'Oliver at NatWest is expecting for £125 million against £18.3 million last time, with earnings growing by a staggering 47 per cent from 14.7p to 21.6p.

Much of the growth can be accounted for by an increasingly aggressive approach from the group itself. Marketing has intensified, more stores have been opened and the group has opted for centralised buying. The upturn in the housing market helped to produce a 30 per cent rise in like-for-like sales during the first half, although there was evidence of a slowdown in the run-up to Christmas. Five new stores were opened last year with a further seven this time round.

A 17 per cent rise in payout from 3p to 3.52p is expected.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Eyes turn to Amsterdam

The implications of the Amsterdam summit for the euro will provide anxious moments for markets in the early part of the week. Traders presume a fudge on employment that will satisfy the honour of the new French Government but change little. There will be some of the last statistics relevant to Gordon Brown's first Budget judgment on July 2, including a 1980s-style Norwich Union flotation today.

A second relatively low UK public sector borrowing requirement at the start of the financial year, due tomorrow, would help. Analysts have little idea, judging from forecasts recorded by Standard & Poor's MMS survey, which range from £0.2 to £4.6 billion, but several leading houses go for between £2 billion and the median forecast of £3 billion.

The Chancellor will be under some pressure to tighten fiscal policy in any case. One key indicator is retail sales for which May figures are due on Wednesday. Again, forecasts vary strikingly, ranging from a month to month fall of 0.4 per cent to a rise of 0.5 per cent. S&P opts for the median 0.3 per cent rise, as does Yamaichi. HSBC goes for no change and Philip Shaw, in his last weekly forecast for Union, predicts a 0.2 per cent drop. No immediate windfall worries there.

Broad money growth has settled well above its old-style Treasury monitoring range. May growth of M4, due on Thursday, should bring no alarm. Forecasts cluster near the median 0.6 per cent, which would peg annual growth back from 10.4 to 9.8 per cent. That may be of interest to the Bank of England's monetary commission, which will also be a target of any more CBI complaints about sterling in its monthly trends survey on Friday.

Meanwhile, markets will watch a clutch of American indicators for signs that the economy is slowing a little, the prerequisite to avoid another rate rise there. May industrial production, housing starts and consumer prices are all due tomorrow. Forecasters look for output growth of 0.2 to 0.3 per cent on the month. The trade deficit, due on Friday, is expected to have deteriorated to about \$10 billion.

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Vickers, MFI, Christian Salvesen, Hazlewood Foods, Chiroscience, Cadbury Schweppes, Quintain Estates, Hold Amersham. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Hanover Int'l, Caspian Group, Rank, Megalomedica, Sell MSB Int'l, Forminstor. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Calderburn, C&W, The Observer: Buy Granada, McBride, Unigate, Northern Foods.

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Norwich Union plc Share Offer Allocations



Allocations of Norwich Union shares sold under the Members' Offer and Retail Offer have been made as shown below.

Members' Offer Price 265p per share

Allocations in the Members' Offer

Amount applied for	Number of shares allocated	Percentage allocated
£400	150	100%
£600	226	100%
£800	301	100%
£1,000	377	100%
£1,500	566	100%
£2,000	585	78%
£2,500	600	64%
£3,000	615	54%
£4,000	640	42%
£5,000	680	36%
£10,000	830	22%
£15,000	980	17%
£20,000	1,130	15%
£30,000	1,430	13%
£40,000	1,730	11%
£50,000	2,030	11%
£60,000	2,330	10%
£70,000	2,630	10%
£80,000	2,930	10%
£90,000	3,230	10%
£100,000	3,540	9%

Note: References to applications are to applications which have been duly made and not rejected.

Public Offer Price (Retail Offer) 290p per share

Allocations in the Retail Offer

Amount applied for	Number of shares allocated	Percentage allocated
£1,000	344	100%
£1,500	577	100%
£2,000	535	78%
£2,500	548	64%
£3,000	562	54%
£4,000	584	42%
£5,000	621	36%
£10,000	758	22%
£15,000	895	17%
£20,000	1,032	15%
£30,000	1,306	13%
£40,000	1,580	11%
£50,000	1,855	11%
£60,000	2,129	10%
£70,000	2,403	10%
£80,000	2,677	10%
£90,000	2,951	10%
£100,000	3,234	9%
£150,000 and above	5,000	—

Norwich Union Share Account statements and share certificates together with return money cheques are expected to be despatched to applicants on Friday 20 June 1997. Applicants who deal before receipt of a share account statement or share certificate will do so at the risk of selling shares for which they have not received an allocation.

Motorist looks the winner in battle of the forecourts

Petrol inquiries may fail to aid small retailer, writes Carl Mortished

The independent petrol retailer is on the way out. Fifteen hundred shut last year and small business lobbyists are clamouring for action. With the arrival of a new government, they seem finally to have found their champion in the unlikely guise of Nigel Griffiths, Consumer Affairs Minister. He wants an investigation into the aggressive cutting of fuel prices by supermarkets and Esso, whose Pricewatch strategy is largely blamed for the turmoil and the closures.

Odd to find the consumer's champion berating the price-cutters. Last week, John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, issued a somewhat sarcastic announcement confirming that the Office of Fair Trading was investigating petrol retailing, and saying: 'I am encouraged that Nigel Griffiths has recognised



The Government and the Office of Fair Trading are both looking at the intense competition in prices at the petrol pump.

that this is an important market — the OFT review has been under way since early April."

The trouble is that no one really cares about independent dealers, and the OFT, which investigated this market five

years ago and looked into Pricewatch last year, has so far found nothing wrong. The allegation is that Esso is engaged in predatory pricing, a claim that the American oil company denies and one that the OFT finds difficult to stand up.

The OFT has a formal definition of predatory pricing: deliberate acceptance of losses in a particular market in order to eliminate a specific competitor so that supernormal profits can be earned in the future. However, in the case of petrol prices, the watchdog sees nothing more unpleasant than heavyweights slugging it out.

An OFT spokesman said: "Our feeling has always been that this is a battle between big oil companies and the supermarkets in which the consumer has benefited."

While the consumer has benefited, the industry has suffered. Esso is reckoned to have sacrificed £200 million last year in its commitment to benefit from cheap petrol. Car users are likely to face higher taxes in the Budget as part of a policy to reduce traffic congestion. However, although policy is likely to make motoring more expensive, economic pressures in a commodity market are helping to keep costs down. Some analysts think that we are heading rapidly towards the French model, in which 40 per cent of petrol is sold by supermarkets at low prices. In the UK, grocers still have only 18 per cent of the market.

Mike Dennis, analyst with NatWest Markets, forecasts fewer petrol brands, more competition and lower prices. "The future of petrol retailing is about selling the next product — a car wash, sweets, food, newspapers," he said. Hence, the oil companies' quest for retailing expertise, as in BP's joint venture with Safeway.

An industry suffering such severe price deflation ought to be consolidating. So, where are the mergers and take-

overs? BP and Mobil seized the initiative last year, combining their refining and marketing business in Europe, but little has followed that venture. An attempt to forge a three-way merger between Gulf, Elf and Murco in the UK has collapsed, probably over disagreement over the value of each partner's stake.

The problem in most cases is refining. Europe has a huge petro surplus, which hurts the big oil companies that produce the commodity but helps the supermarkets to obtain huge volumes of unleaded petrol at good prices. The survival of independent petrol retailers has been due to their ability to source cheap tankerloads of petrol from Rotterdam. Logically, the major oil companies should reduce their refining capacity, enabling them to make more money from refining and narrow the supply options for their competitors. Mr Dennis says: "The only way I can see margins improving is if the number of refiners is reduced in Europe."

A Gulf/Elf/Murco venture would have knocked out one refiner, but the complexities of the deal were evidently too great. Since then, Gulf Oil has put its UK downstream business up for sale. It is unlikely to find a buyer for the refinery, but a sale of the retailing chain might defray the cost of closing the plant. The single most important reason for excess refining capacity is the bill for shutting an old site. Clean-up costs and the continuing environmental liability exceed the loss from running a refinery.

Consolidation will come: bidders are sniffing at Save Group; Elf, Repsol and Q8 are unlikely to see a profitable future in UK petrol retailing. Meanwhile, Texaco is seeking more retail outlets for the surplus produced from its Pembroke cracker plant. With such big competing forces at work, it is difficult to see how the OFT will rescue the small petrol retailer.

Prospects remain good even if EMU is delayed

Holders of long maturity gilts have done much better than those invested in shorter maturities during 1997. For example, ten-year bond yields have fallen by 0.65 per cent to 7.1 per cent since January, which means the prices of these bonds have generally risen by about 5 per cent. However, three-year bond yields are only 0.35 per cent lower at 6.9 per cent, representing a typical price rise of much less than 1 per cent.

This movement has been based on the steps taken to give the UK a long-term low inflation economy. The centrepiece has been the placing of the Bank of England (or, more exactly, the monetary policy committee). The policy has to be set to meet the Government's inflation target of 2.5 per cent in the underlying measure. This target is not likely to rise as it is important for meeting the Maastricht criteria: the EU generally regards 1.5 to 2 per cent inflation as sufficient for price stability, and UK inflation is currently 1.6 per cent on an EU-harmonised basis.

Gordon Brown undoubtedly relaxed the target last week by charging the Bank to achieve underlying inflation of 2.5 per cent rather than 2.5 per cent or below. After all, under the old remit, an inflation rate of 1.5 per cent was deemed to be a success and 2.6 per cent a failure. With those rules it would have been logical for the committee to

aim for inflation rather lower than 2.5 per cent, as a safeguard against any unforeseen "inflation shocks" (for example, a sudden rise in commodity prices).

As a consequence of last week's announcement, investors became much more keen to buy short-dated bonds than longs. This is unusual for 1997, and unlikely to last for long. We think that the war against inflation will require another two base rate rises this year. The market is also inclined to the same view, judging by the prices of futures contracts on short interest rates. There is little profit potential in short-dated gilts.

In any case the good performance of gilts since the general election, compared to other European bonds, has had more to do with the inflation outlook than the expectation of early EMU entry. Even if a delay to monetary union is announced, prospects remain good for longer-dated gilts, which should continue to do better than shorter maturities.

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A green-fingered change

Home Front: In the Garden
BBC2, 8.30pm

Having temporarily exhausted ideas for brightening up the house, the *Home Front* team moves into the garden. But there is no plant or an Alan Titchmarsh in sight. The team sets out to transform a small town garden without recourse to flowers and shrubs. Those who have seen what Anne McEvitt and Kevin McCloud have done to house interiors in the past weeks will get the drift. Helped by a garden designer, Diarmuid Gavin, they apply the same decorating ideas outside as they have employed in. McCloud's use of mosaic on a pond and fountain is one flourish, but the garden's big idea is an alfresco dining area, which resembles a Bedouin tent. The results are striking, but you may be relieved it is not your garden they are making over.

Insomnia

Channel 4, 9.00pm

One in four of us suffers from insomnia and the medical profession is very far from finding a cure. Bernadette O'Farrell's film fleshes out this bleak situation with three well-chosen case histories. Derek Layton, managing director of (ironically) a pharmaceutical company, is lucky to get three hours' sleep per night. He has a long drive to and from work and worries about dozing off at the wheel. His wife worries for him, a reminder that insomnia in one partner affects the other. Jane Billsborough, mother of four school-age children, wonders whether her inability to sleep goes back to the loss of a baby. Joe McCullough, a retired miner, can only nod off for ten minutes at a time. As the increasingly desperate trio try the latest treatments we also meet celebrity insomnia Derek Nimmo and Tony Blackburn. Nimmo suggests wallpapering.

NYPD Blue

Channel 4, 10.00pm

The New York detectives are back for a new run, though the detective work seems increasingly less important than what happens to the cops off duty. There is a murder investigation to keep the team busy but it is handled routinely, as if finding a body dumped on the street is nothing unusual.



Sleepless Jane Billsborough (C4, 9.00pm)

Even a gunman's attempt to fill the ample form of Detective Andy Sipowicz (Dennis Franz) with bullets somehow fails to involve. Only when, back home, Sipowicz becomes obsessive about his sick baby, do the narrative come alive. Similarly, Amy Simone (Jimmy Smits) and Diane Russell (Kim Delaney) engage us less as detectives than as potential marriage partners. *NYPD Blue* is becoming as much soap opera as police series, though the gritty locations and restlessly panning camera continue to give the show its style.

Trial By Jury

BBC2, 11.15pm

Three years ago television history was made when cameras were allowed into a Scottish courtroom to cover a murder trial. Now the same producer, Nick Catlin, brings us a murder case from England. As filming is prohibited in English courts the crime has to be fictional, albeit with real lawyers playing the judge and barristers. The proceedings have an undeniably authenticity, though with the defendant and witness played by actors there is also an air of unreality. An episode of *Kavanagh QC* might have served just as well. That said, courtroom battles are perfect drama which rarely fail on television and the case of a 15-year-old boy charged with stabbing a stockbroker to death on a London train compels you to keep watching. *Trial By Jury* is being shown on three consecutive nights. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

The Monday Play: Friends of Oscar
Radio 4, 7.45pm

The trials involving Oscar Wilde in the 1890s are the background for this play, rather than its subject, although what happened to Wilde during his prosecution of the Marquess of Queensberry for libel is inextricably bound up with much that happened afterwards. One of the tensions which makes the play effective is the paradox of growing freedom within the gay community accompanied by what amounted to a witch-hunt conducted against that community by the somewhat hypocritical Establishment. Several famous names are portrayed, which makes the play a piece of "faction", a genre which is increasingly used but which makes me, not knowing the precise history, a little uneasy. Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00 Nicky Campbell 2.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 8.00 Breakfast 8.30 Live Music Update with Biffy Clyro 9.45 Alan Koska 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00蔡斯 2.00 Dave Sturges 4.00 Dave Pegg

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.00 Chris Tarrant 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Malcolm Leycock 9.00 Big Band Special 9.30 Haynes over Britain 10.30 Richard Atkinson 12.05am Steve Macdon 3.00 Charles Hodge

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Report 6.00 Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine, with Brian Hayes 12.00 Midday with Mel in May includes 12.45pm Moneycheck with Paul Lewis 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide with Julian Womble 7.00 News Extra 7.25 Diff'rent Strokes 8.00 Paul Patterson on Sport 8.00 Tales of the Tiki 9.20 Work Out 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours with Paul Heriot and Janice Long 2.00am All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy War 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deasy 7.00 Anna Raeburn 10.00 James White 1.00am Mike Dickin

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Mozart (Piano Quartet in G minor, K478); Handel (Symphony, Double Chorus); Purcell (Madrigal); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in B flat major, Op 3/2); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 15); Schubert (String Quartet in A minor, Op 16); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in G, BWV108); Novak (Slovak Suite)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Mozart (Piano Sonata in C, K545); Bach (Harpischord Concerto in D minor); Rigaud (Salve Regalis); Steinbus (The Tempest, Suite No 2)

10.00 Morning News, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Britten (Russian Funeral); Purcell (King Arthur); Vivaldi (Tutti Qui Se Ne Andate); Mozart (Serenade in D, K320); Posthorn; Barber (Desire for Homage); Rossini (Largo al Factotum); The Barber of Seville; Elgar (Five Intermezzi); Mozart (Mozartiana); Schubert (Die Entfuhrung aus dem Wald); Massenet (Spartacus); Dvorak (Slavonic Dances)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Paul Pickett (r)

1.00pm News: BBC Lutonline Concert, Live from St John's Smith Square, London; Raphael Ensemble Britton (Phantasy Overture); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat major, Op 14); Schubert (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 15); Schubert (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 16); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 17); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in D, Op 56); Schubert (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 18); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 19); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G, Op 58); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 20); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 21); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 22); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 23); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 24); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 25); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 26); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 27); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 28); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 29); Brahms (String Quartet in B flat major, Op 30); 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No sex and violence, just snogs and violins

I have a number of excuses for falling behind with *Plotlands* (BBC). The fact that until last night it coincided with *Wokewell*: a feeling that *Drovers' Gold* is probably enough frontier television for any weekend, and a mild aversion to drama rooted so deeply in pathos and naivety. There. That's three — is that enough?

But, last night I did some catching up, and very enjoyable it proved too. Since Chloe and her daughters pitched their tent at Langton Fields all those weeks ago, much mud and misery has passed under the groundsheet and Sascia Reeves, who plays Chloe, has come up with 100 different ways of looking stoic in the face of fresh adversity. Last night, however, was different. She got kissed. Let's face it, we have known she was going to get kissed right from episode one, when she discovered there was actually something rather nice lurking in the woodshed —

the tall, dark and softly spoken Tom (Richard Lintern). Still, for all its predictability, it was worth waiting for. There were even violins.

This being 1922 and before the watershed (not to be confused with the woodshed), the subsequent crescendo signalled no groans or bursting of buttons, but simply another kiss... and then another. Nor was there anything remotely post-coital about the quieter, gentler passage that followed. There were simply chores to be done. "I've got to get back," explained Chloe, enabling Reeves to look stoic in the face of adversity number 101 — cooking for a party when you'd rather be smogging.

After a spot of Amish-like

marque-raising, the party — hosted by the unscrupulous Harry Crowley — went quite well until Billy Reed, the blind and very scary pawnbroker, found out what

Crowley was up to, and the highly-

strung Mrs Forster (Petra Markham) went off for a quick roll in the hay with a passing chauffeur.

The result of the former was a punch-up and the result of the latter, a tragedy. Understandably but perhaps unwisely given her well-established mental fragility, Mr Forster (Richard Cordery) told his wife that marrying him had been her worst mistake of all. Mrs Forster agreed and walked into a conveniently nearby lake for ad-

versity number 102.

Having caught up with Jeremy Brock's sentimental but impressively original creation, I discover there is only one more episode to go. Will Chloe get kissed again or will her violent and hitherto estranged husband return to claim his own, now he has been told where she is living? Could be a busy weekend for the man in the woodshed.

Of course, the really big ques-

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Warren Clarke's turn for the theatrical flourish of rubber gloves had the tone just right. So did Clarke, who, as Detective Superintendent Dalziel, not only looks and sounds like Les Dawson but seems to have borrowed some of his punch lines. "I don't like the sound of that cough," said his doctor in a pre-rubber-gloves encounter. "Terence, it's the only one I've got." In short, he's the sort of man that calls a colleague's wife a "doxy" and an Asian constable "Gunga". In even shorter, he's a television Yorkshireman.

That apart, Dalziel and Pascoe got off to an excellent start, confidently inhabiting the sort of not-quite-real world that Miss Marple would have recognised and that John Nettles had a stab at a few months ago in *The Midsomer Murders*. These days the murders are brutally real, but as long as characters still produce such lines as "it doesn't seem possible in Thornton Lacey. It's such a quiet place... or always used to be," we know we don't have to take them totally seriously.

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His sidekick, the newly promoted Detective Inspector Pascoe, is the expected contrast — young, university educated, career on a fast track. The sort of man who, when he says "do you know that a bumblebee beats its wings in the Amazon can cause a hurricane in China?" receives the reply: "No, but you hum it and I'll join in."

BBC1

6.00am *Business Breakfast* (71897)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (56719)
9.00 *Breakfast News Extra* (5631448)
9.20 *Cheggers' Challenge* (3543332)
9.45 *Kirky* (T) (5004719)
10.30 *Ready, Steady, Cook* (91245)
11.00 *News* (T); and weather (2085581)
11.05 *Real Stories* (7992581)
11.30 *The Great Escape* (7622)
12.00 *News* (T); and weather (125806)
12.05 *Call My Bluff* (5754210)
12.35 *Neighbours* (4525326)
1.00 *News* (T) and weather (68806)
1.30 *Regional News* (1589397)
1.40 *The Weather Show* (36957516)
1.45 *Quincy Jack Klugman stars* (6118500)
2.35 *Colombo* (9624535)
3.45 *Gloria's Time Off With...* Weatherman Ian McCaskill (3671245)
4.00 *Popeye* (8403559) 4.10 *Casper* (5637142) '4.35 50/50. Last in series (5683806) 5.00 *Newsround* (T) (8605719)
5.10 *Blue Peter* Stuart Miles takes on Tim Hennan (T) (7355622)
5.35 *Neighbours* (T) (T) (6363581)
6.00 *News* (T) and weather (535)
6.30 *Regional News Magazine* (387)
7.00 *Big Break* Jim Davidson hosts the hot-potting snooker game, with Graham Miles joining veterans John Spencer and Rex Williams (T) (6822)
7.30 *Mastermind* Hosted by Magnus Magnusson from the Great Hall, Blenheim Palace. Tonight's specialist subjects are *Star Trek*, the Irish Civil War of 1922, the life and music of Prokofiev and organic gardening (T) (871)
8.00 *EastEnders* Grant and Tiffany look to the future with baby Courtney (T) (2142)
8.30 *The Peter Principle* (3/6) Bank manager Peter goes to drastic lengths to get his performance bonus (T) (4177)
9.00 *News* (T); *Regional News* and weather (3429)
9.30 *Birds of a Feather* Chris and Daryl find it tough adjusting to life on the outside (T) (22603)
10.00 *Panorama: Down the Tube* As commuters recount horror stories of their struggle to travel around the capital, *Panorama* asks if the new Labour Government will reinvest in the Tube network to stop the system falling further into disrepair (T) (254719)
10.40 *The Other Side of Murder* (1991) with Richard Chamberlain, Michael Learned, Denis Heames and Zeljko Ivanek. Drama based on a real event. Two members of a wealthy family interrupt an armed robbery, which leaves one dead and the other fighting for his life. Directed by Glenn Jordan (T) (63487448)
12.15am *The Return of Eliot Ness* (1991) Robert Stack reprises his TV role as tough FBI operative Eliot Ness, who comes out of retirement when an old colleague is shot by a mobster. Also with Charles Durning, Lisa Hartman, Jack Coleman and Philip Bosco. Directed by James Connor (T) (6101717)
1.45 *Weather* (6501272)

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BBC2

6.00am *O:U: The Golden Thread* (229158) 6.25 *Bridging the Gap* (323193) 6.50 *Developing Language* (722622)
7.15 *See Hear Breakfast News* (T) and signing (1941603)
7.30 *Teenagers' Mutual Hero Turtles* (6793697) 7.55 *Blue Peter* (T) (2058158) 8.20 *Brum* (5623185) 8.35 *Raccoons* (2606974)
9.00 *A Passion for Angling* (T) (3507264) 9.50 *Don't Be an Anorak* (T) (2637413)
10.30 *Mary of Scotland* (1936, b/w) John Ford's historical drama chronicling the reign of Mary Queen of Scots. With Katharine Hepburn (88968)
12.30pm *Working Lunch* (37581) 1.00 *Johnson and Friends* (1031719) 1.15 *Why Men Do Younger* (T) (8685806)
1.55 *Sister Kenny* (1946, b/w) Rosalind Russell as a nurse who develops a *HiFi* treatment for polio. Directed by Dudley Nichols (4576332)
3.55 *News* (T) 4.00 *Blockbusters* (3044974)
4.25 *Ready, Steady, Cook* (307061)
4.45 *Esther* (5167245) 5.30 *Today's the Day* (264)
6.00 *The Simpsons* (T) (974697)
6.20 *The Ren and Stimpy Show* (978413)
6.45 *Cardiff Singer of the World* Highlights from the first concert (936448)
7.30 *Computers Don't Bite: The Beginner's Guide* Pensioners learn how to use computers and train drivers put their French learnt from three different software packages to the test. Plus, protecting children from internet pornography. Last in series (T) (413)
8.00 *Top Gear: Motorsport* Tiff Needell challenges young drivers at Brands Hatch. Plus British rallycross championship action (T) (9564)
8.30 *Garden design team* (8.30pm)

HOME FRONT: In the Garden Kevin McCloud and Anne McEvitt take their interior design skills outdoors (T) (2719)
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